

Long, Niles E.

## Rites for Dead Aviation Cadet Held Today

Last rites for ~~Niles E. Long~~ <sup>1944</sup> aviation cadet in the U. S. Army Air Forces who was killed last Thursday when an Army bus and a freight train collided at Kingman, Ariz., were held today at 1:30 p. m. at the Steyers Funeral Home, 500 Linden Street, and at 2 o'clock in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, East Locust Street. The pastor, the Rev. William C. Berkemeyer, officiated.

The body of Cadet Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Long, was interred in Memorial Park, the active pallbearers being Richard Lee, Raymond Bennett, James Lawrence, Norman Erich, William Gieske and James Deegan.

Cadet Carl J. Manone, of Hellertown, friend of the dead youth, was the official military escort. Cadet Manone was assigned by Army authorities to accompany the body east from Arizona. He served as an honorary pallbearer.

A guard of honor composed of members of Company G, Volunteer Police, rifle company, many of whom are also members of the Sons of Veterans Reserves, stood guard about the bier last night between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock. They were under command of Capt. M. W. Smith, VF, SVR, and Sgt. William Buck, VP, SVR, and included Cpl. Albert R. Mohring, VP, SVR, Pvt. Joseph Barkovich, VP, SVR, Pvt. Adam Andrako VP, SVR, Pvt. Theodore Angler, VP, Cpl. Lawrence Knechel, VP, SVR, Pvt. Joseph Barron, Pvt. Russell Raph, Pvt. Walter Schlamb, Pvt. Harold Miller, Pvt. James Cassell and Bugler Gilbert Rowe, all members of Company G, VP.

The same unit accompanied the funeral cortege from the funeral parlor to the church and from the church to the place of burial today. After Cadet Manone had removed the American flag from the casket, folded it and handed it to Cadet Long's mother, the firing squad fired the traditional three volleys and Bugler Gilbert Rowe sounded "Taps."

Honorary pallbearers in addition to Cadet Manone were Albert Rice, Willard Long, George Brown, Merritt Bender, Douglas Long, Melvin Missmer, Sidney Bowker, Richard McCandless, Norman Sauerwine, Kenneth Hoffman, Walter McKinnon, Roy Marvin, Rodney Marvin, Robert Silfies, Eugene Elliott, Harvey Freyling, William Mease Robert Horne, Charles Fritz and Theodore Heck.

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