

Raidline, Charles W.

Church Honors C. W. Raidline Killed in War

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Memorial services were held Sunday evening in the College Hill Moravian Church for Sgt. Charles W. Raidline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan R. Raidline, 23 West Fairview Street, who gave his life in the service of his country April 17 "somewhere" in North Africa.

Sgt. Raidline was the first young man from the local Moravian congregation to be killed in the current war.

The Rev. Milton Yacek, pastor, officiated at the impressive rite, using as the text of his discourse: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends . . ." Flowers in memory of the young soldier were placed on the chancel platform by friends.

The "Largo" of Handel opened the service, after which the trumpeters, Paul Stoneback, Fred Romig, and B. Weaver, played "God of Our Fathers". After the processional hymn the commemoration liturgy was used. J. C. Hughes sang DeKoven's "Recessional". The Rev. Mr. Yacek delivered a brief eulogy of the dead son of the church and the choir, directed by Mrs. Sidney P. Goodrich, sang "Sunset and Evening Star" by Tennyson.

As "Taps" was sounded by Mr. Weaver a gold star, the first, was placed on the church Service Flag by Mrs. Karl Chamberlain.

The conclusion of the commemoration liturgy was used and the organ postlude, "Battle Prayer" by Himmel was used to bring the service to a close.

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