

Jones, William A.

Lt. W. A. Jones Killed in Crash In N. Africa

One of the 90 stars in the service flag of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will be changed to gold and a memorial service will be held at the regular service Sunday morning, honoring Second Lieut. William A. Jones, Army Air Force, whose death December 19, 1943, was confirmed officially by the War Department in a telegram to his wife, received last night.

Lieut. Jones is the first member of Holy Trinity congregation to die



LIEUT. WILLIAM A. JONES

in this war. He was killed in the crash of his plane into a mountain side in North Africa, according to letters received by Mrs. Jones from wives of comrades of her husband, who wrote to extend their sympathy at her bereavement.

Though the allotment of her husband's salary had stopped coming to her, Mrs. Jones had had no word of her husband's death, until these letters of sympathy arrived. Contacting the writers, Mrs. Jones received from them the letters they had received from their husbands, fellow officers of Lieut. Jones, telling of the crash.

The assistance of the American Red Cross was enlisted in having the report authenticated through the Bethlehem Chapter, where it was said yesterday that nothing had been learned so far.

Lieut. Jones was a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jones, of 1421 Chelsea Avenue, and was born May 20, 1918.

He was graduated from Liberty High School in 1936 and Lehigh University in 1941. He joined the Army Jan. 17, 1943, and was commissioned at Monroe, La., as a second lieutenant in the Air Corps, Aug. 14, 1943.

He was sent to New Mexico for further training as a navigator and left for overseas on Dec. 6, 1943.

He was married May 15 in the Presbyterian Church at Monroe to Miss Irene Pash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Pash, 723 Tenth Avenue.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by two brothers, Pvt. Robert Jones stationed in Tennessee and Charles Jones at home, and one sister, Mrs. Marvin Steyers, of this city.

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