

Balaz, Andrew Jr

Hold Memorial Service For GI Killed By Mine

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A memorial service was held for Andrew Balaz, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Balaz, of 1421 East Eighth Street, who was killed on July 28 by an unexploded mine which he struck while helping to harvest crops at Dobra Niva, Zvolen, Czechoslovakia. In charge was the Rev. John Daniel, pastor of St. John Slovak Lutheran Church. This was the older son of Mr. Balaz, who survived the war in Europe and was awaiting a reunion with his parents and younger brother, John, who survive him.

Among other survivors are his wife, Anna (nee Kozelnicky), and a daughter, Anna Balaz, five years old. The report concerning his death came during the past week when communications between Czechoslovakia and the United States were opened again. Many friends of the family from New Kensington, Springdale, Pa., and New York City attended the service. The parents placed flowers in the altar vases as a memorial to their son.

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