Fallen Rhodes Flier Buried With Full Military Honors

Rhodes — (Special) — Full military honors were accorded Lieut. Wayne Hildreth, Jr., first Rhodes soldier to lose his life in World War II, at his funeral here Thursday afternoon. Lieutenant Hildreth, an army air force pilot, was killed Nov. 6 when his fighter plane crashed during a routine flight near his base at Muroc, Calif.

The ashes of the fallen flier were accompanied here by Lieut. L. G. Stapleton, a brother officer from the Muroc base, and services began with a prayer at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hildreth, at 1:30, in charge of Rev. H. W. Artman of Rhodes, followed by services at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock in charge of Rev. L. L. Holm, a former pastor here.

Harland G. Pfantz post, American Legion of State Center had charge of the military service and provided a firing squad which fired a salute over the grave in Eden cemetery. The casket was draped with an American flag which was presented to the parents of the soldier. "Taps" were played by two high school boys, Roger and Jack Gray.

The funeral was said to have been the largest ever held at Rhodes. A delegation from the Marshalltown Elks lodge, of which Lieutenant Hildreth was a member, attended in a group and the pallbearers were Joseph Malechek, Delmer Wilson, Richard Thompson, C. F. Kennison, Harold Hildreth and Marvin Hilleman.

Relatives attending the services from away included Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Shaffer and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Breumig of Wyoming, Iowa; Mrs. Wallace Shaffer, Cedar Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. William Blumenschein, State Center, and their daughter Marjorie of Grinnell; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snowgren and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hilleman, Zearing; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Petermeier, Melbourne; Mrs. Beurl Smith and Miss Fern Thorn, Marshalltown; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, Green Mountain; Mrs. George Gibson, Baxter, and other relatives and friends from Ames.

Lt. Wayne Hildreth, Jr.

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Services for
Lieut. Wayne Hildreth, Jr.
Rhodes, Iowa

Born
July 11, 1920
Rhodes, Iowa

Entered Into Rest
Nov. 7, 1942
Muroc, Calif.

Services Held
Rhodes Methodist Church
Nov. 12, 1942, 2:00 p.m.

Clergyman
Rev. Lloyd L. Holm
Belmond, Iowa

Music
Winnie Robinson
Helen Robinson
Fred Cheville
Luther Hix
Agnes Buck, Pianist

Songs
"Sometime We'll Understand"
"In the Garden"

Interment
Eden Cemetery
Rhodes, Iowa

Pallbearers
Richard Thompson
Harold Hildreth, C. F. Kennison
Mervin Hilleman, Delmar Wilson
Joe Malechek

American Legion Post No. 122,
Harland G. Pfantz,
State Center, Iowa,
In charge of service at grave.

Crossing the Bar
Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no mourning of the Bar
When I put out to sea.

For thefrom out our bounds
Of time and place.
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot—
Face to face.
When I have crossed the bar.
—Tennyson