

PETERS, Neil Alvin

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Madison, S. Dak.

January 18, 1944
Deming, New Mexico

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A-C Neil Peters Buried With Military Honors

NEIL PETERS KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

The sad news was received by relatives here that Neil Peters was killed instantly in a training plane crash at 11:30 A. M. on Tuesday of this week.

He was stationed at Fort Deming, New Mexico, receiving training as a Bombardier in the Army Air Forces. Funeral arrangements have not been completed as we go to press. Obituary will be published in our next issue.

Neil Alvin Peters was born September 14th, 1921, at Madison, S. Dak., of C. E. and Agnes Peters. He came to Viborg, S. Dak. when but a small child, and here he spent his boyhood and school years. He graduated with honors from the Viborg High School in 1939.

In 1943 he was granted the Bachelor of Arts degree by Yankton College. While at College, he was a member of the Men's Glee Club for three years and it's President one year. He was also a member of the Student senate, German club and various other clubs. He was a capable manager of "Pioneer Day" and a member of the college quartette for two years.

Neil attended the Civilian Military Training Camp at Fort Snelling for three summers, and also attended Camp at Des Moines for one summer. He also won honors here.

He joined the Army Air Corps in February, 1943, and it was in his training as an Aviation Cadet that he died on January 18th, 1944 at Deming, New Mexico. The remains were accompanied here by a close friend of the deceased, A-C Rhode of Deming, New Mexico.

Neil was preceded in death by his father and one sister. He leaves to mourn, his mother, three brothers: Robert, U. S. Army, Paul, U. S. Army, Carl, Chicago, Ill.; and two sisters: Mrs. Helen Glood, Viborg and Mrs. Lois Nelson, Viborg., other relatives and friends and his fiancee, Miss Emilee Alling of Hartford, Conn., whom he was to marry February 5th at Deming, New Mexico.

Military services were conducted on Sunday, from the First Baptist Church with Prof. Savage of Yankton college in charge, assisted by Chaplain Nelson of the Sioux Falls Army Air Base and the pastor, Rev. Shellhouse. Miss Ethel Flint, a schoolmate, sang two beautiful solos, accompanied by Miss Glenna Rundell.

Interment was at Rosehill Cemetery beside his father. A large contingent of Students came from the Sioux Falls Army Air Base to serve as a military escort.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all our friends for their kindness and sympathy during our bereavement.

Mrs. Agnes Peters
Robert Peters
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glood and family
Mr. and Mrs. Everett Nelson and family
Paul and Carl Peters
Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hansen and family
Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Hansen and family
Dr. Stidworthy and family

The following person are among the out-of-town friends and relatives who attended the funeral services of Neil Peters on Sunday: Mrs. Agnes Peters, Miss Emilee Alling, her mother and sister of Hartford, Conn., Vice President and Mrs. George H. Durant of Yankton College, Dr. G. H. Stidworthy of Letcher, S. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hansen of Parker, Miss Marjorie Skola of Parker, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Olsen and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Monk of Beresford, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Eystad and their daughter, Mrs. H. B. Hansen of Wakonda, Mrs. Martelle Eneboe of Canton, Mrs. W. M. Kildal and Vione Hansen of Sioux Falls.

Robert Peters, now with an APO address, was reached through the co-operation of the Red Cross. Since he evidently was at or near an embarkation port, was not permitted to come home.