

Robert E. Speer

Occupant Name: Robert E. Speer

Location: Section 3, Lot 5

Date of Birth: 7/25/1922

Date of Death: 6/7/1944

Date of Burial: 6/9/1944

Veteran: Yes

Lot Owner: Ethel Speer

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Funeral To Be Held Thursday P. M. For Lt. Robert E. Speers

Remains of Young Brownstown Soldier, Killed In South America, Returned Home For Burial

Funeral services for Lt. Robert Eugene Speer will be held Thursday afternoon in Brownstown. Public graveside rites in Fairview cemetery will follow private family services to be held at the Winklepleck funeral home at 2 p. m.

The body of the young soldier arrived in Brownstown Tuesday and will lie in state at the funeral home until the hour of the funeral. Friends may call during today and Thursday morning.

Accompanied by a military escort from Lt. Speer's own branch of service, the Air Corps, the casket on its arrival in Brownstown was claimed at the railway station by a squad of American Legion members from Camp Jackson Post and taken under escort to the funeral home.

The services, conducted by the Rev. Frank Temple, of Madison will be under military auspices, with a firing squad from the Legion post.

Lt. Speer was born in Seymour July 25, 1922, to Gilbert and Ethel Booker Speer. On September 11, 1943, he was married in Brownstown to Olive Huber. He was killed in an airplane crash in South America in June, 1944. He had been engaged in transport duty from Natal, Brazil, flying new planes to theatres of operations.

Lt. Speer entered the service November 1, 1940. He received his flight training at Maxwell Field, Ala., Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and Rantoul, Ill. After receiving his commission as flight officer, he was assigned to duty in Panama and was sent to the South American post in January, 1944. He was graduated from the Brownstown high school with the class of 1940 and volunteered for Air Corps the following fall.

Besides the widow and parents, he is survived by two brothers Lloyd and Junior Speer, both of Brownstown.