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## Funeral Services Held For Jet Crash Victim

Funeral services for Capt. Alfred Breitkreutz, 24, Groton, Air Force pilot, who was killed last Wednesday in a jet plane crash, were held at 2:00 p. m., Tuesday, in the Methodist church of Groton, with the Rev. F. Mackenzie officiating. Burial was in the Groton cemetery with military services.

Full bearers were: Duane Neuman, Robert Jensen, Dennis Johnson, Jerry G. Donald Walter and Louis H. [unclear], Jr., of Des Moines, Iowa.

Capt. Breitkreutz was born on January 10, 1928, at Dustin, Okla. He joined the Air Force in 1946 and served 12 months overseas, where he was credited with shooting down an enemy MIG in Korea. He held the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Air Medal with seven Oak Clusters. He recently had been stationed at Presque Isle, Me., with the 74th fighter interceptor squadron. He had been promoted from first lieutenant to captain on the day of the crash.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Breitkreutz, Sr., of [unclear] vicinity; a brother, Ralph, and a sister, Mary Jane, both at home.

Capt. Breitkreutz and Capt. Raymond A. Mooney, 34, of East St. Louis, Ill., were killed in a jet plane crash on June 18th.

The two-engine jet craft came down one and one-half miles north of the bomber base at Limestone, 20 miles northeast of the Presque Isle Base. The Scorpion, an all-weather fighter-interceptor, was attached to the 74th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, based at Presque Isle.

Unofficial sources said a wing apparently came off while the jet was flying over the Limestone base at medium altitude.

Sorrow struck at the hearts of everyone in this entire community at the sad news of the sudden death of Capt. Breitkreutz, who had visited at his parental home here only about two weeks ago. The young man held the friendship and respect of everyone who knew him. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their deep sorrow.