

Elbert E. Nichols

Buried with Full Military Honors

June 8, 1943

Funeral Services Held at Gila Lutheran Church, Monday, with Burial in the Nearby Cemetery

Funeral services were held for Elbert Edwin Nichols at Gila Lutheran church, Monday afternoon, and burial was in the nearby cemetery. The Rev. J. E. Spencer officiated. Full military honors were accorded by Jasper post, American Legion.

Private Nichols was drowned near Muskogee, Oklahoma, May 11, when a motor boat loaded with six soldiers from Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, and three refugees from the flooded area around, sank after striking a bridge which was hidden by the swollen waters. His body was recovered last Wednesday in Arkansas sixty-five miles down the Arkansas river from the scene of the accident; and arrived here Sunday evening.

He was born November 21, 1920, in Wade township, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nichols of Gila vicinity. He had been in the United States Army for several months and was stationed at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, at the time of his death.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Bolin Nichols; his parents; two brothers and a sister, Gerald G. Nichols, United States Army, at Fort Lewis, Washington, and Don E. and Mary Nichols at home.