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LOUIS WERNER II



GEORGE SKAKEL JR.



DEAN P. MARKHAM

KILLED IN IDAHO PLANE CRASH

Rosary for Louis Werner II

Will Be Recited Today

A Rosary for Louis Werner II, member of a prominent St. Louis family who was killed in a plane crash in Idaho late Friday, will be recited at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Arthur J. Donnelly funeral home.

Burial services will be private. Mr. Werner, an avid sportsman and for 15 years chief of the St. Louis Regional Office of the Central Intelligence Agency, was one of five persons killed when a light plane, loaded with hunting gear, overshot a small airstrip and crashed into a canyon wall.

The five were in one of four planes carrying an elk-hunting party of 20 to a guest ranch about 24 miles north of Boise.

OTHER VICTIMS

Other victims of the crash were:

George Skakel Jr., 44, of Greenwich, Conn., a brother-in-law of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and a close friend of Mr. Werner's.

Dean F. Markham, 41, of McLean, Va., a friend of Senator Kennedy's and holder of a number of federal appointive positions.

Earl Ranft, 63, of Jersey City, N.J., president of Dabar Haulage Co., a trucking firm.

BODIES FLOWN EAST

Donald W. Adams, 38, of Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, pilot of the plane.

Bodies of the men were brought out by helicopter and flown east by a twin-engine plane owned by Mr. Skakel's company which had brought the men to Idaho. Skakel was president of the Great Lakes

Carbon Corp. of New York. Idaho Aeronautics Director Chet Moulton blamed Mr. Adams for attempting the landing. He said the plane hit a knoll and bounced and that the pilot then tried to pull up for another approach. He apparently flew into a canyon in which there is no room for a plane to turn around and crashed.

Mr. Moulton said lack of mountain flying experience has caused two other fatal crashes in the area, one on Sept. 14, when Idaho's Democratic candidate for governor, Charles Herndon, was killed.

SIMILAR TRIPS

Mr. Werner's family said he left St. Louis on the hunting trip early Friday and that he had made similar trips with Mr. Skakel. A rated polo player, Mr. Werner had played several times in New York and St. Louis with Mr. Skakel.

Mr. Werner, who resided on Shackelford road, Florissant, was born Nov. 14, 1923, in St. Louis, a son of the late Joseph L. and Mrs. Elise Garneau Werner. He attended St. Louis Country Day School and was graduated with honors from St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H., in 1941.

He was graduated from Princeton University cum laude in 1946.

Mr. Werner served as a fighter pilot with the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945 in the South Pacific and was twice decorated for combat services.

He was associated with his brother, Joseph G. Werner, as a private investment banker beginning in 1945, continuing in

that capacity after joining the CIA in 1949.

Mr. Werner was a director of the Mercantile Trust Co. in St. Louis, a board member of the Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital, executive board member of the St. Louis Polo Association, and a member of the Bridle Spur Hunt Club, St. Louis Country Club, St. Louis Racquet Club and Noon Day Club.

His wife, the former Anne Kennett Farrar Desloge, was Veiled Prophet Queen in 1946.

In addition to the wife and brother, survivors include two daughters, Elise Werner II and Anne D. Werner; two sons, Louis G. and Peter D. Werner; the mother, Mrs. Joseph G. Werner, and a sister, Mrs. Horace (Claire) F. Henriques, Greenwich, Conn.

WERNER, LOUIS II, Sept. 23, 1905, husband of Anne Kennett Farrar Desloge Werner, father of Elise II, Anne D., Louis G. and Peter D. Werner, son of Elise Garneau and the late Joseph L. Werner, brother of Joseph G. Werner of St. Louis and Mrs. Horace F. Henriques, Jr. of Greenwich, Conn.
Rosary at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 26, ARTS & CRAFTS, 3840 Lindell bl., Interment private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital or Missouri Historical Society Spirit of St. Louis Aviation Fund.