

Friday, July 3, 1942

Schultz Funeral Is Held This Morning

Drowning Victim is Buried This Morning

Funeral services for Paul Schultz, 18, who lost his life Tuesday night in a Bluffton swimming pool, were held this morning at the St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph J. Seimetz officiating.

The service was reportedly one of the largest attended of any ever held in the church. Scores of friends of the youth and his family, many of whom had viewed the lad's body at the home, thronged to the church for the last rites.

Six of the boy's classmates and friends served as pallbearers. They were Robert Briede, Harold Keller, Paul Smith, James Holthouse, Jerome Rumschlag and Joseph Miller. The first four were his companions on the ill-fated swimming party.

A long line of autos formed the funeral procession from the home to the church and then to the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery for the burial. City police, under the direction of chief James Borders aided in guiding the funeral procession through traffic.

The young man, a recent graduate of Decatur Catholic High School, drowned Tuesday night when he dropped into a 15-foot "stepoff" in the Psi Iota Xi swimming pool near Bluffton.

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