

Former Local Boy Is Killed

**Pvt. Rodney Toepel
Among 13 in Crash**

A former Marshfield youth was among 13 of Uncle Sam's top-flight rough and ready fighting men who died in an unexplained Air Force glider crash at Fort Benning, Ga., yesterday.

Among the 13 killed was Rodney Toepel, who was born in Marshfield Feb. 18, 1932. The family moved to Wisconsin Rapids when the boy was six years old and he attended schools there, graduating from Lincoln High School with the class of 1949.

Late last summer he enlisted and received paratrooper training at Fort Riley, Kans., prior to being transferred to Fort Benning, Ga.

Besides his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Wisconsin Rapids, he is survived by three half-brothers: Harold, Wisconsin Rapids, and Wayne and Donald Robinson, Ladysmith.

Arrangements are being made to return the body to Wisconsin

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