

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 70 Space: D

Find A Grave # 11905279

Name: **Drexler, Louis Ashton III**

b. Michigan

Birth date: September 10, 1935 Death date: December 11, 1951 Burial Date: December 13, 1951 Age: 16

Parents: Louis Ashton Drexler Jr. (1899-1945) and Dorothy Virginia *Angel* Drexler (1904-1986)

Siblings: Clay Mills Drexler (1940-2014);

Half sibling: Joan Virginia *Batterton* Williams (1928-1997); William D. Batterton (b. abt. 1932)

Residence: Dover, DE

Cause of death/Burial/Obituary: self-inflicted gunshot; see next page

Service/occupation information:

Officiate: Rev. Paul A. Kellogg

Lot Owner: Dorothy Angell Drexler (Mrs. Louis A. Drexler Jr.); Dec. 20, 1951 & Jan. 7, 1952

Inscription:

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In memory of
Louis Ashton Drexler III
Sept. 10, 1935
Dec. 11, 1951
Acolyte of this parish

DIMENSIONS: H 12" x W 72" x D 36"

Marker is somewhat over the line into space E

STYLE: sarcophagus

Repairs cleaned in 2020



Inventory date: March 5, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

The News Journal, Wilmington, DE, Friday, December 14, 1951

Childhood Photos with parents

Sanatorium.
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Funeral Rites Held For Louis A. Drexler III

DOVER, Dec. 14—(Special). — Funeral services for Louis A. Drexler III, 16-year-old Dover High School junior and co-manager of the school's 1951 football team, were held yesterday afternoon with eight schoolmates, several of them players on the football team, serving as active pallbearers.

The services were held in Christ Church with the Rev. Paul A. Kellogg, rector, officiating. Interment was in Christ Churchyard.

The coaches and members of the football squad were the honorary pallbearers. The active bearers were: Fred Frear, Gene Mercer, James Mitchell, Millard Biddle, Oliver Farrow, Donald Farrow, French Mackes and Richard Sutton.

About 80 students of the high school and members of the faculty, headed by Morrell L. Vehslage, principal, attended the services in a body. A number of students of St. Andrew's School, where he had many friends, also attended.

The popular high school junior died Tuesday night from a .32 calibre bullet wound, evidently fired from the youth's own revolver.



Father Louis A. Drexler Jr. was killed by a sniper in Okinawa in 1945.