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A special ceremony honored the late Lt. Gen. Glen R. Birchard at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, June 6th.

Following the ceremony, attended by representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Force units in Alaska commanded by General Birchard, his body was flown to Washington, D.C.

A flyover by Elmendorf

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aircraft saluted the general who was an outstanding Air Force leader.

Wednesday at 11 a.m., simultaneous memorial services were conducted at major military installations throughout Alaska.

Services were held at Arlington National Cemetery Chapel, Arlington, Virginia, at 10 a.m., Thursday. Graveside services followed.

A Requiem Mass for Maj. Norman C. Miller, who died with General Birchard Saturday, was held earlier Tuesday in Elmendorf's Chapel 3. The Rev. Robert Whalen of St. Anthony's Church, Anchorage, offered the mass. Major Miller was buried later in the week at his home town, Fowlerville, Mich.

General Birchard, commander in chief of Alaska military forces, died Saturday in the waters of Upper Ugashik Lake after the plane in which he was riding crashed on takeoff. Major Miller was pilot of the craft.

Major General Thomas E. Moore has temporarily assumed duty as commander in chief, Alaska, following the death last Saturday of Lieutenant General Glen R. Birchard.

Major General Moore will retain command of the Alaskan Air Command during the interim until a new commander in chief, Alaska, is named by President Lyndon B. Johnson.