

A candle for each of the dead
70 years later: memorial service for the victims of the air raids
on Gravenhorst in the monastery church

GRAVENHORST: The memorial service for the victims of the bombing raids on Gravenhorst 70 years ago ended with a Mass at the St. Bernhard Church Gravenhorst on Sunday evening. Pastor Mark Thomalla particularly welcomed the English guests, relations of the downed English pilots Edwin Charles Maul including his daughter Karen Maul-Harkell.

At the beginning of the service 18-year-old Hanna Redder from Gravenhorst read the names of the dead and Deacon Peter Siefen lit a candle for each of the names read aloud.

From Gravenhorst:

Henry Witte (63 years),
Otto Runde (60 years)
Eduard Runde(57 years)
Josef Breulmann (42 years),
Helene Breulmann (45 years),
Georg Breulmann (14 years),
Alfred Breulmann (13 years),
Hedwig Breulmann (11 years),
Cecilia Breulmann (7 years),
Karl Breulmann (2 years),
Hubert Kläver (62 years),
Anna Kläver (61 years),
Ernst Kläver (16 years),
Franz Kläver (20 years),
Alwine Runde (26 years).

They all died in the bombing on November 21,1944.

For the boatmen killed on November 21, 1944:

Willem ten Katen from the Netherlands (29 years),
Margarethe ten Katen from the Netherlands (24 years)
Elsa Hoven (38 years),
Heinz Hoven (age unknown)
Elsa Hoven (7 years).

For the boatmen killed on January 1, 1945:

Carla Harneik (51 years),
Ludwig Spieker (55 years)
John Benstein (43 years).

Killed on January 20, 1945 by an exploding bomb during the restoration of the Mittelland Canal:

Franz Klocke (37 years)
Wilhelm Tschöbte (34 years)

For the dead crew members of the Lancaster Bomber PB 300 of 49 Squadron Royal Air Force in Fulbeck/England:

Philip Kelly...Navigator (34 years),
Philip Telford... Gunner (age unknown),
Alfred Reginald Verrier... Radio Operator/Gunner (21 years),
Alfred William Bishop... W/Op (24 years),
Hugh Walter Hayward... Bomb Aimer, (22 years)
Frederick Arthur Wooding...Flight Engineer (24 Years).....missing

For the dead crew members of Lancaster Bomber PB 354:

Edwin Charles Maul...Pilot (22 Jahre)
William Cooper William Cooper...Flight Engineer (22 years old),
Arthur Leslie Jackson...Bomb Aimer (22 years),
John Houghton...Gunner (19 Years),
Edmund Battye...Gunner (19 years),
Sidney David Bolten...Navigator, (20 years),
Ivor Gordon Williams... adio Operator/Gunner (22 years).

Candles were also lit during the memorial service in Gravenhorst for two unknown Russian prisoners of war.

In a message to the Ibbenbürener Volkszeitung Editorial Staff, Karen Maul-Harkell gave thanks after her return from Hörstel, for the warm welcome that she and her companions received from the people of Hörstel in particular from Josef Brink and his wife Gertrude.

In a quote from her letter: "Hörstel now means so very much to me and I will be forever grateful for the experiences I have had there."