



**Soldier's funeral**

The family of Pfc. Kevin Calloway, 20, Arpin, looks at his casket before a military honor guard presented them with a U.S. flag. The ceremony followed funeral services at Victory Christian Church, Wisconsin Rapids, Monday. From left are his parents, Judith and Leonard, and his sister, Kay. (AP LaserPhoto)

## Services held for 1st state GI to die in gulf

WISCONSIN RAPIDS (AP) — The first Wisconsin soldier to die while serving in the Persian Gulf was remembered by a friend as someone who would "walk a mile for you, give the shirt off his back."

About 80 mourners, including Army Spec. Richard Naus, battled a blizzard-like snowstorm to attend funeral services Monday for Army Pfc. Kevin Calloway.

Calloway, 20, of Arpin died in a truck accident in Saudi Arabia Nov. 24, becoming the 49th American killed during Operation Desert Shield.

An honor guard from Fort Sheridan, Ill., offered military rites and a 21-gun salute for Calloway. The soldier's family received three U.S. flags during the ceremony.

Calloway was buried in Restlawn Memorial Cemetery after a brief military ceremony in which the family was represented by the dead soldier's brother, Kevin. Judith Calloway, their mother, said the storm prevented the rest of the family from attending the burial.

Naus, formerly of Waukesha, accompanied Calloway's body back to the United States.

"He would walk a mile for you, give the shirt off his back and make you laugh in the saddest cases," Naus said. "He could laugh at anything ... He was my partner through thick and thin. Lord knows I'm going to miss him."

Naus said he met Calloway, a truck mechanic, two years ago while both were stationed Fort Hood, Texas, in the 628th Transportation Unit.

Naus said he wanted to accompany Calloway's body to Wisconsin "for my own heart, for personal reasons. You don't just watch someone die out there and say goodbye. That became personal."

More than 250,000 U.S. troops, including more than 2,000 from Wisconsin, have been sent to the Persian Gulf region following Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

A United Nations resolution passed last week authorizes the use of force if Iraqi troops don't withdraw from Kuwait by Jan. 15.

Calloway, who joined the Army in 1988 to earn money to study computers in college, was

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