



A clergyman eulogizes Mrs. Shin-ae Lee in Moravian Cemetery. Listening, from the left, are her husband, Jun-ho Lee; daughters Su-jong, 18, Mi-jong, 16, and son Won-ki, 13.

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Willowbrook nurse's friends shocked over her murder

Hundreds of friends, co-workers and members of the Korean community attended the funeral service yesterday for Shin-ae (Emma) Lee, the Staten Island Developmental Center nurse whose body was found Sunday on the center's grounds.

After the service in Matthew Funeral Home, Willowbrook, members of the Korean community expressed shock and anger over the death of Mrs. Lee, 44, of 7 Jasper St., Sea View. "Police didn't take the case seriously enough. They kept saying she ran away, but we knew

her better than that," one friend said.

Police said they searched the area extensively several times, but did not find the body. They said heavy rain in the days before the discovery of the body may have loosened the dirt and helped uncover the body.

Another friend of Mrs. Lee at the funeral said, "I guess it wouldn't have made any difference, but I still can't understand why they didn't find the body sooner."

Some of Mrs. Lee's co-workers present at the funeral said they were not aware that Mrs. Lee had been threat-

ened by another co-worker and they doubted that any staff member at the center had anything to do with her murder.

Felton King, president of the center's Civil Service Employees Association, said the union is offering a \$5,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer.

"I personally think it was not a co-worker," King said. "The police seem to have other leads, but I'm not sure what they are."

"We want the person who committed this terrible crime to be caught, no matter who it is," he said.

Mrs. Lee is survived by her husband, Jun-ho; a son, Won-ki, and two daughters, Su-jong and Mi-jong. Burial was yesterday in Moravian Cemetery.

Police said last night that they are "interviewing fellow employees at the center, and other friends, in an attempt to trace Mrs. Lee's last movements." Detectives John Degnan and Robert Dianora are assigned to the case.