

May 7, 1953

Edwin S. Abeln

Funeral services for Edwin S. Abeln, 57, were held Tuesday morning, April 28, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock, at St. John's Catholic church, where he had been a life-long member. Father Shanley of Milbank officiated. Mr. Abeln passed away at the Aberdeen hospital, Saturday morning, April 25, after spending nine weeks there and in a Minneapolis hospital, where he had undergone major brain surgery. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were Algot Johnson, Wm Heitman, Joe Johnson, Randall Peterson, Raymond Wing and Elmer Messing.

Edwin Abeln was born in Bellevue, Iowa, April 13, 1896, later moving to Bancroft, Iowa. In 1907 he moved with his parents to a farm north of Groton, where he resided until 1926.

On September 18, 1926, he was united in marriage to Vera Troy. The couple established their home on a farm southwest of Groton. To this union two sons were born, Eugene of Groton, and Alvin, a student at State College, Brookings.

Mr. Abeln took an ardent interest in all the community affairs in Henry township where he resided. He served as a member of the school board, treasurer on the township board and P. M. A. committeeman in the township for many years; also was active in the Henry Community club. The past year he served as vice-chairman of the Brown County P. M. A. in Aberdeen and at the present time held the office of president of the Groton Farmers Elevator. Mr. Abeln was a member of the American Legion and a veteran of World War I.

Deepest sympathy is extended to members of the family in the loss of their loved one, by the large circle of friends that the departed had endeared himself to, by his kind and courteous personality.

He is survived by his wife; sons, Eugene and Alvin of Groton; two grandchildren, Peggy and David; two brothers, Joe of Groton and Clarence of Hagerstown, Md.; one sister, Miss Luella of Groton; two nieces, Mrs. Matt Rock of Groton and Mrs. Harry Taylor of Maywood, Calif., and one nephew, Capt. Terrence Abeln in Korea.