

June 30, 1938

ABELN FUNERAL HELD SATURDAY

PROMINENT GROTON FARMER
LAID TO REST IN CATHOLIC
CEMETERY

The funeral of Joe Abeln, prominent Groton farmer who died in an Aberdeen hospital last Wednesday, was held from the local Catholic church on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. William Schreder, T. O. R., of Aberdeen. Interment was made in Groton Catholic cemetery.

Pall bearers were Joe Donovan, Henry Foth, Wm. Messing, P. W. Holoran, Wm. Sieh and Charles Sieh.

Joe Abeln Dies in Aberdeen Hospital

Joe Abeln, a highly respected and substantial farmer living a short distance northeast of Groton, died in an Aberdeen hospital shortly before noon Wednesday. He had been in bad health for the past several years and had been at the hospital for the past month or more seeking to regain his health.

He is survived by five children in the immediate family. Four sons and one daughter. The sons are Henry, Joe, Clarence and Edwin, all of this vicinity, and the daughter is Miss Luella, also at home.

Mr. Abeln was born at Bellevue, Ia., August 27, 1863, and was almost 75 years of age at the time of his death. On February 19, 1889, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Kolker, who passed away four years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Abeln lived at Bellevue until 1900 when they moved to a farm near Bancroft, Ia. at which place they made their home until 1907, when Mr. Abeln purchased a fine farm six miles northeast of Groton. They had since resided on the farm.

He is survived by one brother and five children and five grand-children. The brother is Clem of Bellevue, Ia., while the children are Henry, Joseph, Edwin, Miss Luella and Clarence. One son, Alfred, died in 1929.

Mr. Abeln had been in ill health for the past few years. He spent some time in a hospital last fall and again entered the hospital this spring, being there nearly three months before he passed away.

Mr. Abeln was one of the best known farmers in the northern part of the state and his passing is the source of widespread regret among a large circle of friends.

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