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MRS. JOE ABELN EXPIRES SUNDAY

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD IN
CATHOLIC CHURCH ON WED-
NESDAY MORNING

Six years of patient suffering came to an end for Mrs. Joe Abeln Sunday morning when she folded her hands and quietly crossed the Great Divide into a realm where suffering is unknown.

The story of Mrs. Abeln's last years on earth is indeed pathetic, and can perhaps best be told by those who were in daily attendance at her bedside, or by friends and neighbors who watched her unceasing struggle against the inevitable with admiration and sympathy. She was a lady who, through her very nature was extremely energetic and a constant source of inspiration to her husband and family, but was ordained while in the prime of womanhood and her vitality and inspiring encouragement so necessary to her associates, was forced to subscribe to a position of sympathetic ministrations and become a patient listener to rather than a part of plans and operations in which she was deeply interested.

Born in Iowa

The deceased was born in Bellevue, Iowa, June 27, 1869, and was married to Joe Abeln February 19, 1889. They came to South Dakota in 1907 and settled upon a farm in East Riverside, where she has since made her home.

Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her loss four sons and one daughter, besides three sisters and two brothers. One son was killed in an airplane accident several years ago. The survivors are Henry Abeln of Randolph; Joe, Jr., Edwin and Clarence of Groton, and Miss Luella, also of Groton. The sisters are Mrs. Henry Recker, of Buffalo Center, Iowa; Mrs. Joe Recker, of Bancroft, Iowa, and Mrs. Conrad Ernst, of Bellevue, Iowa. The brothers are Henry Kolker of Maquoketa and Herman of Bellevue, Iowa.

The funeral was held from the St. John's Catholic church, Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, and the remains laid to rest in Groton Catholic cemetery. The funeral was conducted by Father Estegard of Big Stone City, a former resident of Groton.