

August 21, 1974

Mrs. Edwin Abeln

Funeral services for Mrs. Edwin (Vera) Abeln, 77, lifelong Groton resident, were held Saturday, August 17, at 10:30 a.m., at St. John's Catholic Church with Father Marvin McPhee officiating. Burial was in St. John's Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Abeln died Wednesday, August 14, at her home.

Honorary pallbearers were Oran Baldry, Oliver Belden, Gilbert Erdmann, William Heitmann, Algot Johnson, Elmer Messing, Randall Peterson Sr. and Roger Zoellner, all of Groton, Obe Berens, Aberdeen and Alfred Johnson, Huron. Active pallbearers were Jerroll Erdmann, Donald Henley, Robert Johnson, Earl Ruden, Gordon Sieh and Gene Zoellner.

Mrs. Abeln, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Troy, was born May 28, 1897, on a farm west of Groton and has lived in the Groton community all her life.

She graduated from Groton High School and Aberdeen Teachers College and taught school before her marriage to Edwin Abeln on September 18, 1926. To this union two sons were born, Eugene and Alvin. They lived on the farm west of Groton where Mrs. Abeln was born until Mr. Abeln's death in 1953. Mrs. Abeln then moved to Groton where she has since resided.

She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of Groton.

Over the years Mrs. Abeln was active in many organizations in the Groton community including the Altar Society of St. John's Church, Senior Citizens, Henry Benefit and Social Club, Quarter Bridge Club and the Lucky 13 Bridge Club.

Survivors include her two sons, Eugene and Alvin of Groton; one brother, Maurice Troy of Los Angeles, Calif.; and 8 grandchildren.

Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrange-