

Lyman Fiske Bates

Lyman Fiske Bates, a native South Dakotan and former Groton resident, died March 27th in Stillwater Minnesota's Greeley Health Care Hospital. He attended Yankton College from 1939 to 1942 and later became a Naval aviator, instructing in fighter



planes and later flying transports to the Pacific Theater. He married Gertrude Bednar in Hollywood, California after the war.

For a while he worked as a coach at Yankton College and with the Indian Service at Cheyenne Agency. He eventually went to work with Standard Oil (Amoco Oil) where his first assignment was in Groton. He later

worked in Arlington, Huron, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, and finally in Atlanta in management. While in Groton he was an active member of the Masonic Lodge and kept his membership in Groton for more than 50 years.

Lyman is survived by his wife of 62 years

and two sons Jeff in Stillwater and Rick who is a flight instructor in Texas. He also leaves four surviving sisters, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and numerous relatives and friends. Memorial Services anticipating services at the National Cemetery will be in the coming weeks. Burial of cremains with full military honors will follow.