December 2, 1981

Oliver Belden

The funeral for Oliver Belden, 81, Groton was held Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton with the Rev. F. Philip Strain officiating.

Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery. The Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Belden died Monday, Nov. 23, at Dakota Midland Hospital in Aberdeen.

Casketbearers were Robert Erdmann, Carl Howard Jr., Robert J. Howard, Merton Johnson, Hollace Krueger and Harry Sippel. Mrs. John Gibbs was organist. She accompanied David Sueltz who sang "Nearer My God To Thee". The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Just As I Am". Ushers were Homer Mydland and Maurice Olson.

Oliver Belden was born May 12, 1900, in Riverside Township near Groton. He attended school there and later the Aberdeen Business College. He married Mary Osterman March 19, 1930, at Aberdeen. She died in 1966. He married Florence Lewis Hansen April 26, 1926, at Groton. He farmed in the Groton area all of his life. He served on the Ferney Farmers Elevator board for 39 years and on the church council. In 1968 he moved into Groton where he had since lived.

Survivors include his widow; one foster son, Gerald Osterman, Groton; two brothers, Albert and Harold, both of Groton; and two grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, one sister and one half sister.