

Obe Berens⁷⁻²⁵⁻⁷⁹

Obe Berens, 92, of 408 S. 4th St., died Sunday, July 15, at the Americana Healthcare Center.

The funeral service was Thursday, July 19, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Raymond A. Giese officiating. The organist was Mrs. Norman Scott and the soloist was Dave Sultz.

Burial was at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery. Miller-Huebl Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Casket bearers were Lyle Von Wald, Groton; Clifford Lemon, Aberdeen; Roger Davis, Letcher; Cyril Paepke, Groton; Kenneth Mathiason, Aberdeen; and Arthur Ringgenberg, Columbia.

Obe Berens, the son of Ubbo and Theresa Berens was born on September 5, 1886, in Jemgum, Germany. When he was a child he came to the United States with his family and they settled at Edwardsville, Ill. Later, the family moved to Stratford where they operated the livery stable. On July 17, 1912, he was married to Ada Paepke in Aberdeen and they farmed near James, and later, near Groton. In 1930, they moved into Groton where they lived and he operated a trucking business for eight years, until moving to Aberdeen in 1938. He was employed at Dakota Sash and Door, and later, Hub City Iron. He was then employed by the South Dakota State Highway Department. After he retired from that, he worked for Phil Friedman until 1966. Mrs. Berens died February 13, 1972. Mr. Berens had continued to reside in Aberdeen.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J.E. (Erna) Lange, Aberdeen. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, six brothers and two sisters.