

July 24, 1941

Mrs. G. A. Bethke Dies Unexpectedly on Tuesday

Mrs. G. A. Bethke, highly esteemed Groton woman died unexpectedly Tuesday forenoon, following a brief illness. Only Monday forenoon her physician made a careful check of her condition, which indicated that she was well on the road to recovery from the malady that was considered extremely serious a few days earlier. Encouraged by the rally her son, Amos and his family had left for their home in New York City on Monday afternoon.

Funeral exercises will be held at the Paetznick Funeral Home on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. H. W. Atkinson officiating. Interment will be in the Groton union cemetery. A complete obituary will be published next week.

July 31, 1941

rites held Friday for Mrs. G. A. Bethke

Simple but beautiful funeral rites were held Friday afternoon at the Paetznick Funeral Home at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. G. A. Bethke, who died at her home here on July 22, following a brief illness. Officiating both at the chapel service and at the grave was the Rev. H. W. Atkinson, pastor of the Groton Presbyterian church. Contributing the sole musical number of the service were Mmes. C. J. Lundberg and Palmer Peterson and Miss Margaret Adams, who sang at the request of the bereaved husband, the Largo from Dvorak's New World Symphony, "Goin' Home," with Mrs. Chas. E. Adams playing accompaniment. Pall bearers were Amos Doeringsfeld, the three Clocksene brothers, Lyle, Darrel and Donald, Robert Wegner and J. H. Thoeny.

Following the chapel service the beloved body was borne to the Groton union cemetery, where it was laid to rest with the tender reverence that can come only to those who in life are highly esteemed by all who know them and greatly beloved by family and intimate friends. Mrs. Bethke was such a person.

Quiet and unostentations in her contacts with her neighbors, she had many warm friends among those who knew her well and her faithful performance of her duty as wife and

mother won her the devoted love of her husband and family.

She was born, Minnie Daye, September 20, 1869 in Dakota, Waurshara county, Wisconsin, where she spent her childhood and early girlhood. She was married to G. A. Bethke on December 18, 1895 and six years later the couple came to Groton to establish the home they have since maintained here.

Two sons were born to the union, Amos of New York City and Ora of Miles City, Mont. These, together with her husband and three sisters survive. The sisters are: Mmes Anna Meinke and Albert Miller, and Miss Helen Daye, all of Westfield, Wis. Three grandchildren also survive.