

November 9, 1983

## Earl Blackmun

Memorial services were held for Earl O. Blackmun, 77, Saturday, Nov. 5, at the First Presbyterian Church in Groton, with the Rev. James Wright officiating and the Rev. Robert Carey of Aberdeen assisting at the burial in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Mr. Blackmun died Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Juel Egg Co., in Groton.

Casketbearers were Steve Heron, Don Hoops, Ed Fordham, Juel Kolbo, Monte Kolbo and Edward Stauch. All his friends were honorary casketbearers. Music was provided by Mrs. Ben Anderson, Mrs. James Wright and Mrs. Clayton Sternhagen sang a duet "In The Garden" and "Amazing Grace". Ushers were Ben Anderson and Otho Rix. The Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Blackmun was born July 29, 1906, at White, S.D. His family moved to Florida, then to Ortonville, Minn., where he graduated from high school. He moved to the Groton area in 1929 where he has lived since, working as an electrician. He married Phyllis Schoch of Groton on June 6, 1939.

Survivors include his widow; one son, David, Groton; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Laurel) Sparks, San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Doris Bernard, Minneapolis, Minn.; four grandchildren, Michael and David Blackmun, Groton; and Erin and Ben Sparks, San Diego, Calif., and numerous nephews and nieces, one of whom, Mary Alice Blackmun Jensen, lives at Groton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Bert and Floyd.