

January 18, 1978

Lyle Blair

Services for Lyle Blair, 56, Groton, were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 16, at the United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Maines officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by Groton Post No. 39 of the American Legion.

Mr. Blair died Friday, Jan. 13, at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Mrs. Kenneth Alberts, organist, accompanied Mrs. James Stoeckmann as she sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "Good Is Thy People."

Honorary casketbearers were Eugene Abeln, Charles Berg, Leland Christian, Milton Lemmon, Verne McCullough, Robert Meister, Jerome Mork, Otho Rix and Ed Sundberg. Active casketbearers were Harvey Dorfschmidt, Marvin Erdmann, Darrel Flihs, Robert A. Johnson, Irvin Mork and Robert Zimney.

Ushers were Earl Ruden and Ralph Breitreutz.

Mr. Blair was born June 29, 1921, at Andover. He had been a resident of Groton since 1930. He married Dawn Darlington at Webster August 27, 1941. He was a

semi-retired businessman working part time for the Groton Public Schools. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 1046 of Aberdeen, the Groton American Legion Post No. 39, was a past post commander and a past county commander of the American Legion and was also a past Legion state officer.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and a member of the official board of the church. He was a member and past chief of the Groton Fire Department for many years and served two terms on the Groton Board of Education. He managed and was active in the Groton athletic program. He was an avid sportsman and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his widow; one son, Thomas, Aberdeen; two daughters, Mrs. Larry (Kathy) Rosengren, Vallejo, Calif., and Mrs. David (Patsy) McCullough of Nevada, Mo.; one brother, Thomas, Groton; two sisters, Mrs. Florine Holtz and Mrs. George (Lucille) Siefkes, both of Groton; and five grandchildren.

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

The Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.