

Walter Blondo, 73²⁻²⁷⁻⁹³

Walter B. Blondo, 73, Groton, died at St. Luke's Midland Regional Medical Center, Saturday, Feb. 20, 1993.

The funeral was held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, Tuesday, Feb. 23, with the Rev. Anne Maldoon officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery. A prayer service was held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Monday, Feb. 22, with the Rev. Byron Edwards officiating. Military rites were held by the Groton Legion Post #34.

Walter Blondo was born April 20, 1919 at Bowdle to George and Adeline (Hauck) Blondo. He attended rural school in the Bowdle area and served in the United States Army during World War II in the European Theater. He married Myrtle Marie Sippel at Rapid City November 4, 1954. They lived in Bowdle until 1970, when they moved to Groton. They owned and operated the Wheel Inn Cafe and Grocery at Ferney. His wife died in 1991, and he continued to live in Groton until his death.



He is survived by one son, Walter Blondo, Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Mrs. Dennis (Janice) Hornaman, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Betty Gorczewski, Aberdeen; one brother, Ed Blondo, Ojai, Calif.; and six sisters, Mrs. Rose Barton, Mrs. R.C. (Ann) Baer, both of Moberg, Mrs. C.J. (Clara) LaPlante, Niantic, Conn., Mrs. Agnes Leger, San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Mary Isom, Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Keith (Katheryn "Babe") Luckhurst, Linwood, Wash.; nine grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, four brothers and one sister.

The casketbearers were Rick Cowan, Art Gengerke, Norman Gengerke, Mark Pfitzer, Merle Pfitzer, Bruce Sippel and Marty Sippel.

Organist was Arlis Doeden and soloist was Gene Brolin.