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Former Groton Resident Passes Away at Aberdeen

The many friends of Willis Bowers, of Aberdeen, were deeply grieved and shocked to learn of his sudden death, which occurred Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15, 1950, at the Aberdeen hospital.

Willis Chase Bowers, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bowers, was born on Nov. 9, 1892, at Verdon, where he grew to manhood and was engaged in farming in that vicinity and later near Groton. After leaving the farm he was employed by the Groton-Ferney Mutual Telephone Co. for a number of years, before moving to Aberdeen a year ago where he was employed at St. Luke's hospital.

Mr. Bowers was united in marriage to Emma Palmer of Aberdeen on Oct. 4, 1942, at The Little Brown Church In The Vale, near Nashua, Iowa. His high ideals in life gained for him the fellowship and respect of all who came in contact with him. He was a kind and thoughtful friend and neighbor, and his passing brought sorrow to all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn his departure, besides his wife, Emma, at 624 1st Ave. S. E., Aberdeen; two step-sons, Harlan Palmer at home, and LaMar Palmer, Commerce, Ga.; a step-daughter, Mrs. Larry Zirbel, Seattle, Wash.; three sisters and his brothers; also a number of nieces and nephews. His parents and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the Gates Funeral Home in Aberdeen, with the Rev. F. G. MacKenzie officiating. Earl Carlson sang, "In The Garden" and "God Will Take Care of You," accompanied by Mrs. Earl Carlson. The remains were laid to rest in the Riverside Memorial Park.

Pallbearers were: Frank Weirauch, John Schornack, Harry Samuel, Groton, R. H. Miller, R. A. Mathieu, Verdon, and Paul Bierman, Cresbard. Alfred Paetznick of Groton was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Among relatives attending the last rites from away were his sisters, Mrs. Mabel Johnson of Cresbard; Mrs. P. D. Edward and her daughter, Mrs. Tommy Spies, Cloquet, Minn.; his brother, M. R. Bowers, Verdon; Mrs. Larry Zirbel, Seattle, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Drake, Waubay; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Bundy and daughter, Glenda, Twin Brooks; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bierman, Cresbard; Mr. and Mrs. Art. Loken, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bierman, Norbeck, and Carl Marquardt of Watertown, S. D.