

Hildegarde Brown

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A requiem mass was celebrated for Hildegarde Barthle Brown, 72, of 216 4th Ave. S.E., Aberdeen on Wednesday, June 1, at St. John's Catholic Church in Groton with the Rev. Leonard Fox officiating.

Bible passages were read by Mrs. Brown's nephew Jack Huffman and her son-in-law Orville Siers. The "Nurses Prayer" and the "Army Nurses Creed" were read by her grandniece Sherry Martin. Mr. Siers also read a poem entitled "Farewell To A Soldier In France" and a poem written by his daughter Carmen Siers "My Grandmother". "The Lord's Prayer" and "Taps" were played by Mrs. Pam Sonnichsen, trumpeter. The soloist was Mrs. John (Carol) Schwab who sang "On Eagle's Wings" and "Until Then". The organist was Stacy Broman. George Treml was usher.

The Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements. *Burial in Groton Catholic Cemetery.*

Honorary casketbearers were Thomas Blair, Darrell Clocksene, William Knoll, Omer Nelson, Art Totzke and Robert Wegner.

Active casketbearers and graveside military rites were conducted by members of Groton Post No. 39 of the American Legion.

Mrs. Brown died unexpectedly of a heart attack on May 28 in Des Moines, Iowa. She was visiting her daughter at the time of her death.

Hildegarde Barthle was born on August 20, 1910, in Dade City, Fla. She moved to Groton with her family in 1915. After graduation from Groton High School in 1928, she entered St. Joseph's School of Nursing at St. Paul, Minn. She served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II, attaining the rank of captain. Hildegarde Barthle married Donald W. Brown in Glendive, Mont., on August 5, 1946. They had one daughter, Donna Marie. Hildegarde Brown returned to Groton and worked as a nurse in Groton and Aberdeen until she retired in 1976.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aberdeen, the National Association of World War Nurses, the Aberdeen American Legion Post 24, the VFW Post 17 and the Catholic Daughters.

Survivors include one daughter Mrs. Orville (Donna) Siers, Urbandale, Iowa; two brothers, Dr. Robert C. Barthle, Fairfax, Va., and Andrew A. Barthle, Sioux Falls and two grandchildren, Carmen and Bret, seven nieces and 11 nephews including Orville Huffman of Groton and Jack Huffman, Selby.