Norma Chilton

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GROTON - The funeral for Mrs. S.H. (Norma) Chilton, Groton, was held Friday, Jan. 12 at the First Presbyterian Church in Groton. The Rev. Richard Gieger officiated.

Burial was in Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home of Groton.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1990, at her home.

Norma Rapp was born in Groton to Frank and Victoria (McKiver) Rapp. She graduated from Groton High School. She attended the University of Michigan for one year and then returned to Groton. She taught school for two years in Ferney.

She attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1925. She earned her master's degree in 1926. She auditioned for the Minneapolis Symphony and was selected contralto soloist. She also played violin, piano and clarinet. She taught orchestra and choir at the college level in LaMars, Iowa.

She married Sandy Chilton in Sisseton in 1929. They lived in Groton. After her husband's death in 1940, she attended the University of Wichita in Kansas for a year to renew her teacher's certificate. She taught school for one year in Pierpont.

She taught at Simmons Junior High School in Aberdeen for two years. She taught English at Central High School in Aberdeen and worked with vocal music and dramatics. She retired in 1965.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Groton, Diana Chapter of Eastern Star, Monday Musicale of Aberdeen, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, American Association of University Women, Merifu Club and the 20th Century Club.

Survivors include one son, Jack Chilton, Groton; one sister, Mrs. Hazel Ellsbury, Groton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother and one sister.

Casketbearers were John Clark, Carroll Clocksene, Glenn Cooper, Jerroll Erdmann, James Higgins, and Lee Schinkel.

Organist was Marie Sternhagen and ushers were Robert Knickrehm and Richard Anderson.