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ILLNESS FATAL TO FORMER GROTONITE

Mrs. Peter Decker, 48, died Monday morning at her home in Aberdeen, following a lingering illness.

Frances Louise Wierda was born Feb. 22, at Leewarden, Holland, and at the age of 11 she came with her parents to the United States, settling on a farm near Ashton. Dec. 16, 1916, she was married to Peter Decker of Aberdeen where they resided until 1923, when they moved to Groton. Eleven years ago they returned to Aberdeen where they have since made their home.

Mrs. Decker was a member of the Presbyterian church, Veterans of the Foreign Wars auxiliary and Milwaukee Women's club.

Surviving relatives are her husband, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wierda of Ashton, and four sons, Rev. Leon Decker of Boston; Cpl. Carl W. Decker, home on furlough; Sgt. Wayne P. Decker of Ft. Ord, Calif., and Sgt. Donald R. Decker in England. A daughter, Miss Eileen Decker is at home.

Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Harold Kish and Mrs. Maynard Hart, both of Sioux Falls.