

September 6, 1951

Mrs. Fred Erdmann

Funeral services were held for Fred Erdmann, highly respected resident of this city, Friday afternoon, August 31st, at the Methodist church. The Rev. Dr. Henry J. Bouman, of Minneapolis, Minn., father-in-law of the departed officiated. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. The Paetznick Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Several beautiful old hymns were sung by Ardis and Marlene Schuelke accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Neuman. Pall bearers were: E. P. Erdmann, George Erdmann, Walter Erdmann and E. Krueger, A. J. Schuelke and Harold Urban, all nephews of the departed.

Mrs. Erdmann, daughter of Frederick and Augusta Urban, was born in Schlosberg, province Posen, then part of Germany, on Feb. 24, 1870. In early baptism she was given the name of Hulda Paulina Urban. She received her christian education in the village parochial school and was admitted to communicant membership in the Lutheran church by the rite of confirmation in 1884. In the spring of 1890 she emigrated to this country and lived with relatives near Groton. On Feb. 10, 1896, she entered the state of matrimony with F. H. Erdmann and was united with him for over 55 years. This union was blessed with five children, four daughters, Margaret (Mrs. W. M. Van Walker) of Aberdeen, Gertrude (Mrs. Truman Eli) of North Hollywood, Calif., Elsie and Elvira, and one son, Alfred, of Groton. Two daughters, Elsie and Elvira, died in early childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Erdmann made Groton their home until 1907, when they moved to Stratford, where they lived until 1950. In October of that year they returned to Groton.

Mrs. Erdmann was always a faithful member of the Lutheran church. Having been ill for some years she needed constant care until she fell asleep in Jesus last Tuesday, Aug. 28th. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, one son, and four grandchildren, one brother, Rudolph of Williston, N. D., and one sister, Mrs. Mathilda Frase of Berlin, Germany. She passed away at the age of 81 years, 6 months and 4 days.

Relatives from away attending the services were: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Bouman of Minneapolis, Minn.; Rudolph Urban of Williston, N. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Gust. Borkenhagen of Amboy, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Andrews of Jamestown, N. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Urban, Gordon Urban, Mrs. Paulina Urban and Mrs. Frank Witt of Butler; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Roehl, of Odessa, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Debberpohl of Cande, and