Feburary 22, 1962

H. J. Erickson

Holger John Erickson, 76, longtime resident of Gem Township, died Sunday afternoon at St. Luke's hospital in Aberdeen.

Services were held at 2:00 p. m. on Thursday at the Scandinavia Lutheran church in Gem Township with the Rev. Hans Nelson officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Huebl Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Gerauld Holmes was the vocalist and Mrs. Gerauld Holmes was the organist. Honorary pallbearers were Otis Christian, Severt Swanson, Peder Hunstad, Nick Floan, Iver Swenson, Knolen Neil, Joe Dixon, William Schwartz and Olaf Hundstad. Active pallbearers were Lloyd Larson, Norman Cain, Oscar Ellingson, Carl Hafnor, Rollin Bunsness, Edward Solberg, Roy Lee and LeRoy Locken.

Mr. Erickson was born June 14, 1885, in Gem Township where he attended school. He married Clara Gustafson on June 4, 1913, in Aberdeen and they made their home on a farm in Gem Township. Six years later they moved to their present farm home. Mrs. Erickson preceded him in death in 1947.

He was a member of the Scandinavia Lutheran church; Brotherhood of the church and was a director of the Federal Land Bank of Aberdeen for many years.

Survivors include four sons, Peter, Oliver and Clarence, all of Gem Township; and Harvey of Sacramento, Calif., two daughters, Mrs. Alfred (Iola) Locken, Gem Township and Mrs. Alvin (Beulah) Ristau, Mansfield; and one sister, Mrs. Alma Nelson, Aberdeen, and 17 grandchildren. In addition to his wife, one daughter, one granddaughter and two brothers preceded him in death.