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Myron Erickson

The funeral services for Myron R. (Mike) Erickson, 58, Groton, were held Thursday, June 13, at 2 p.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Dan Elkins officiating.

Burial was in Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. The Groton American Legion Post No. 39 performed military rites at the cemetery.

He died Monday, June 10, 1985, at Dakota Midland Hospital.

Casketbearers were John Clifton, Des Moines, Iowa; Brad Lokken, Dawson, Minn.; David Lokken, Montevideo, Minn.; Wally Fischer, Groton; Charles Erickson, Prescott, Wis., and Edward Ries, Mobridge.

Honorary casketbearers were Andy Nerison, New Effington; Arlos Raw, Beardsley, Minn.; Dennis Boyle, Graceville, Minn.; Bob Rowse, Lebanon; Gene Dumdei, North Mankato, Minn.; and Orville Pfitzer, Britton. The organist was Mrs. William Schuelke with Diane Weishaar as soloist singing, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," and the congregation sang "Beautiful Savior." Ben Schaller and Gene Kammerer were ushers.

Myron Erickson was born May 26, 1927, at Boyd, Minn., to Charles and Alma Erickson. In 1945 he graduated from Boyd High School and joined the U.S. Navy, serving in the South Pacific during World War II aboard the U.S. Oahu.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peters, Minn., and worked in Mobridge. On November 12, 1954, he married Gertrude Clifton in Pierre. He coached and taught in Lebanon and Northville several years.

He attended the University of Wyoming and graduated with a master's degree from Northern State College. He held superintendent positions in New Effington and Beardsley, Minn. In 1967 they moved to Groton where he worked as a salesman for Random House publishing Co. He started Dependable Sanitation Service in Aberdeen and Groton, retiring in 1973 because of poor health. He had lived in Groton since that time. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Groton American Legion.

Survivors include his widow, of Groton; three sons, Michael (Tim) Aberdeen, Terry, Belgrade, Mont., and Tobias, Bozeman, Mont.; two daughters, Mrs. Clifford (Tamara) Pray, Groton and Tracey Erickson, Minneapolis; his mother, Mrs. Alma Erickson, Boyd, Minn.; two brothers, Burdette, Hibbing, Minn., and Gayle, Hastings, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. (LaVonne) Lokken, Montevideo, Minn.; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father.