

May 7, 1953

Betty Ann Fliehs

This community was deeply grieved last Wednesday morning, when sad news was heard of the death of Betty Ann Fliehs, at the Aberdeen hospital. Betty had been ill for some time and recently was compelled to remain out of school due to the aggravation of her illness.

The young lady was a senior in the local high school and held a cherished place in the hearts of all who knew her, both young and old. Blessed with a sunny disposition and ready smile she endeared herself to a large number of friends.

Betty Ann Fliehs was born at Athol, Wis., to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fliehs on April 26, 1935 and was baptized on May 3, 1935. She was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on May 1, 1943. Since coming here from Wisconsin she made her home on a farm northwest of Groton. Betty passed away on April 29, 1953, at the age of 18 years and 3 days. Her mother and an infant sister preceded her death.

Left to mourn her untimely passing are her father and step-mother; two brothers, Richard, Jr., and Harvey of Groton; two sisters, Doris of Groton and Mrs. Alfred (Arvilla) Goess of New Mexico; two half brothers, Darrell and Duane, and a half-sister, Dianne; also her grandfather, Robert Reeder, N. D., and a large number of other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran church. The Rev. R. M. Neumeier officiated. A choir composed of senior girls, Kay Doerings, Marvel and Myrtle Anderson, Evelyn Silvernail, Ardis Justeson and Helen Gibbs sang several selections, accompanied by Mrs. Eugene Neumeier at the organ. The senior class headed the services in a group. Pallbearers were Carrol Nehls, Helmuth Stridick, Donald Berreth, Virgil Adams, Harwood Hoeft and Floyd Benhardt. Burial was in the Groton cemetery.

A large number of relatives from Groton were in attendance at the last rites. Heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family.