

# Dorothy Foss

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The funeral for Mrs. Helmer (Dorothy) Foss, 86, Groton, was held Saturday, March 23, 1991, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton. The Rev. Anne Maldoon and the Rev. Otto Dale officiated. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Visitation was at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton Friday and Saturday.

She died Monday, March 18, 1991, at St. Luke's Midland Regional Medical Center.

Dorothy Swenson was born December 24, 1904, to John and Hilda (Peterson) Swenson at Webster. She graduated from Webster High School in 1923. She attended Northern Normal and Industrial in Aberdeen and received her teaching certificate. She taught school in Roslyn.

She married Helmer Foss on August 16, 1931, at Webster. While they lived in Roslyn, she also taught piano. She was Myron Florin's first piano teacher. They moved to Sykeston, N.D., and Rugby, N.D. In 1934, they moved to Groton and owned and operated the Gambles store for 36 years.

She was a member of First English Lutheran Church in Groton, now known as Emmanuel Lutheran Church, a member of India Circle, prayer group, taught Sunday school, was director of the junior choir and was church organist. She served on the board of directors for Bethesda Nursing Home in Webster and was on the committee for Bethesda Nursing Home in Aberdeen. She was a charter member of Sons of Norway Greig Loge, a member of 20th Century Club and served on several committees for the annual Groton Carnival of Silver Skates.

Survivors include her husband of Groton; one son, John Foss, San Francisco, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Douglas (Corrine) Scott, Edina, Minn.; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

Honorary casketbearers were Leonard Broman, Randy Hall, Richard Foss, Omer Nelson, Eldon Rehfuss and David Wachs.

Casketbearers were Steve Franzen, Brian and Andrew Scott, John Gibbs, Dean Kranhold and Morris Spencer.

A trumpet solo was played by Toby Rath. The organist was Arlys Doeden. A duet was sung by Norman and Marge Nelson and the soloist was Cassie Ackman.

Jim Gerdes was the usher.

