

July 23, 1975

## Gordon Froehle

Services for Gordon Froehle, 58, Groton area farmer, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, at St. John's Catholic Church with the Rev. Marvin McPhee officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Froehle died Sunday morning July 13 at St. John's Catholic Church.

Rosary and wake services were held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Honorary casket bearers were Darrell Clocksene, Donald Clocksene, Leslie Dohman, Robert Johnson, Elmer Messing, Al Ruether, Darwin Thompson and Robert Volk. Active casket bearers were LaVern Buntrock, Dean Hinrichs, Raymond Johnson, Harvey Mielke, Arden Rix and Otho Rix.

Mrs. James Stoeckmann was the organist.

Mr. Froehle was born Feb. 6, 1917 at Groton. His parents died when he was a child, and he was raised by the Joe Donovan family. He married Genevieve Schroh on Oct. 9, 1944 at Aberdeen.

He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church; the church board; director of the Groton Farmers Elevator; city council; and a precinct chairman of the Democratic party.

Survivors include his widow; four daughters, Mrs. Carl (Margaret) Henneman, Soda Springs, Idaho, Mrs. Jack (Mary Jane) Looyen, Spring Lake Park, Minn., Mrs. Raymond (Janice) Peterson, Finley, N.D., and Rosemary Froehle, Richfield, Minn.; three sisters, Mrs. Josephine Koehler and Mrs. Arden (Dorothy) Rix, both of Groton and Irene Donovan, Chicago, Ill.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

### TRIBUTE TO GORDON FROEHLE

The loss of a loved one is a painful thing indeed and although there isn't much that others can do I'd like to try in some small way.

As you know Gordon was the driver of Debbie's school bus this past year. She thought a great deal of her bus driver, so we had the task of telling her that he had passed away.

A few small tears rolled down her cheeks when we told her and just as quickly she looked at me and said, "Mom, Mr. Froehle was my friend. He was such a nice man, Mom, I just know he's gone to live with Jesus."

It impressed me that if Mr. Froehle could touch the life of one small child so much in such a short time, how very very much he must have meant to his family.

Your loss is felt by many and I'm sure Debbie won't be the only child on the bus that will miss her bus driver and friend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we hope it will be of comfort knowing others do care.

Connie Stauch

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