

November 26, 1953

## Fred Frommel

Funeral services for Fred Frommel, 72, prominent business man of this city, were held Sunday, at 2:00 p. m., at the Methodist church, with the Reverends Harvey Sander and L. C. Benson officiating. Music was furnished by a double quartet. Masonic rites were read by Kermit Sperry, with the Groton Masons attending in a body. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were H. W. Iverson, Milo Cook, Edward Oliver, Floyd Rix, Oliver Belden and Ewald Kuehnert.

Mr. Frommel passed away Wednesday evening, Nov. 18, 1953, at the Peabody Memorial hospital in Webster, after suffering a heart attack early Monday morning.

The deceased was born at Fox Lake, Wis., Aug. 22, 1881, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Frommel. Later he made his home with his parents on a farm, southeast of Groton, still known as the Frommel Bros. farm, where he grew to manhood, assisted with the farm work and attended the local school. In 1912 he purchased a meat market which he successfully operated a number of years. After selling the market he purchased the Basom Real Estate and Insurance Agency, which he operated for the past 33 years.

He was united in marriage to Gertrude Hansen on April 23, 1925, at Huron. The home was established in Groton where they have resided since.

Mr. Frommel was a member of the First Methodist church of Groton, local Masonic bodies and Yelduz Shrine Patrol of Aberdeen. In civic affairs he was always active, being a member of the Board of Education, served on the City Council and was elected as Mayor of this city for two terms.

The departed was a devoted husband and father. His friendly and courteous greeting gained for him the fellowship and respect of all who knew him. His passing will be keenly felt by a host of friends, who extend heartfelt sympathy to the family in the loss of their loved one.

A son, Fred, Jr.; his parents; a sister, Katherine Crawford and brother, John Frommel, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife; daughter, Jeannine; three sisters, Misses Emma and Pearl of Groton, Mrs. Geo. (Eva) Kleppen, Wessington Springs; three brothers, Bert and Irl of Groton and George D., of Montevideo, Minn., and several nieces and nephews.

Relatives from away attending the last rites were Mr. and Mrs. Geo.