

January 26, 1956

Otto H. Gerharter

(By Stratford Correspondent)

Otto H. Gerharter, 66, Stratford farmer and livestock dealer, died unexpectedly in his home last Wednesday afternoon. Services were held at 2:00 p. m., Saturday, in St. Paul's Lutheran church in Stratford, with the Rev. Donald Wilke officiating.

Miss Arlene Schley was the organist and a quartet composed of LaVerne, Clarence and Wayne Schley and Clifford Ott sang.

Pallbearers were LaVerne Schley, Clarence Schley, Wayne Schley, Marvin Schley, Alvin Von Wald and Delbert Schley.

Burial was in Riverside Memorial Park cemetery in Aberdeen.

Mr. Gerharter was born February 1, 1888, at New Wells, Mo. In 1907 the family moved to northern Missouri and in 1909 came to South Dakota, settling in the Groton-Ferney vicinity.

Mr. Gerharter married Adella Schley, September 25, 1912, in the East Hanson church and they established their home on a farm near Stratford where they have lived continuously since.

He was a member of St. Paul's church of Stratford. He was active in the affairs of the school district and community.

Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Donald (Lavanda) Henley of Groton; four sons, Marvin, Vernon and Allan, all of Aberdeen, and Gordon of Stratford; five sisters, Mrs. Hattie Ladreiter, Mrs. Lydia Bremer, Mrs. Rudy Vilhardt, and Mrs. Arno Haertling, all of Jackson, Mo., and Mrs. Joe Englehart of Pocohantas, Mo.; a brother, Arthur Gerharter of St. Joseph, Mo.; and 13 grandchildren. A daughter, two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.