

March 1, 1978

## Clayton Gibbs

Funeral services for Clayton (Kelly) Gibbs, 61, rural mail carrier, were held at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jack Anderson and the Rev. Robert Carey officiating.

Burial was in Groton Union Cemetery, with military rites conducted by Groton Post No. 39 of the American Legion.

Mr. Gibbs died February 23 at Dakota Midland Hospital following a brief illness.

Mrs. John Gibbs served as organist. Soloists were Mrs. Jack Anderson who sang "Jesus Loves Me, Oh How He Loves You and Me"; and Mrs. James Stoeckmann who sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Casketbearers were Douglas Craig, Richard Fliehs, John Gibbs, Robert Gibbs, Charles Meister and Robert Meister.

Clayton Gibbs was born April 19, 1916, at Huffton. He married Arlene McKiver at Aberdeen on May 4, 1938. He had lived in Groton since 1929.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder, trustee and treasurer. He was a past commander of the Groton American Legion Post No. 39, a member of the Aberdeen Elks Lodge and a former member of Kiwanis. He has also served on the Groton City Council and the Groton Board of Education.

Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Mrs. Reuben (Diane) Paul of Groton and Mrs. Robert (Penny) VanKempen, Aberdeen; one brother, Max Gibbs, Belding, Mich.; one sister, Mrs. Dorothy McCleary, Portland, Ore.; and six grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.