

John S. Hall

5-22-90

ABERDEEN - The funeral for John S. Hall, 90, Aberdeen, was held Monday at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton. The Rev. Jerry Sevig officiated.

Burial followed in Groton Union Cemetery.

He died Friday, May 18, 1990, at St. Luke's Midland Regional Medical Center.

John S. Hall was born March 23, 1900, at Marquette, Neb., to Harris and Mima Jane (Randall) Hall. He grew up in Nebraska.

He served in World War I in the U.S. Army. He came to the Groton area at age 18. He worked as a herdsman for two years, and then sold livestock advertising for a national publication for two years. He founded the Aberdeen Livestock Sales Company in 1933.

He married Eunice Ferris at Omaha, Neb., May 2, 1922. They lived in the Groton area until 1935, when they moved to Aberdeen.

He worked as an auctioneer for the Purebred Duroc Hog Association located in Peoria, Ill. He was an auctioneer for the PDHA from 1922 until 1974, selling in 24 states. He received the honor of King of Auctioneers by the Duroc Association.

He also received membership in the Block and Bridle Club, an honorary society at South Dakota State University at Brookings.

His first wife died in January 1964.

He married Eleanor Gibbs at Groton December 27, 1965.

He was a member of the American Legion at Groton. He was a lifetime member of the Groton Masonic Lodge and a lifetime member of the Aberdeen Elks Club.

Survivors include his wife Eleanor, Aberdeen; one son, Don Hall, Aberdeen; two step-sons, John Gibbs and Robert Gibbs, Groton; two step-daughters, Mrs. Gene (Maren) Kelley, Rapid City; and Mrs. Doug (Brenda) Craig, Claremont; 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Casketbearers were Don Hall, Randall Hall, Jr., Bob Gibbs and John Gibbs.

Organist was Iyone Anderson. The Rev. Bill Duncan sang "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "Be Still My Soul."