

Ruth C. Hallmark, 87

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Ruth Christian Hallmark, 87, Groton, died at the Colonial Manor in Groton, Thursday, June 25. The funeral was held at the First Presbyterian Church in Groton Monday, June 29, 1992. The Rev. Richard Geiger officiated. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Aberdeen.

Ruth Mary Hassenpflug was born October 4, 1904, at Chillicothe, Ohio, to Samuel Otto and Rachael AdaBelle (Huntington) Hassenpflug. The family moved to South Dakota in 1906. The family purchased and resided on the Hamlin Garland homestead. She attended rural school and Central High School in Aberdeen. She attended Northern Normal Industrial School and received her teaching certificate. She taught in schools in the area and married Earl Christian at Ipswich on September 26, 1925. They moved to the Black Hills area and then moved to California in 1942. She worked for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation for 25 years as an inspector electronics assembler. She was a 40 year member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. She received a performance award for zero defects at the Lockheed Corporation. Her first husband died in 1965 and she moved to Washington in 1967. She married Alfred Hallmark at Glacier Wash., on July 3, 1970. She moved back to Groton in 1984 after his death. She has resided in the Colonial Manor since October of 1991. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Groton.

She is survived by three stepsons, Casey Christian, Phoenix; Harold Hallmark, Garden City, Kan.; and Robert Hallmark, Everett, Wash.; and three step daughters, Ginger Woolford, Reseda, Calif.; Patti Goshorn, Maple Falls, Wash.; and Pam Peterson, Lancaster, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Helen Dresbach, Groton; eleven step grandchildren and four step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, her parents, and one infant son.

Casketbearers were Otis Belden, Robert Knickrehm, Vern McCullough, Edward Prunty, James Stearns and Tom Woods.

The organist was Marie Sternhagen. A duet was sung by Rhonda Swanson and Kris Thompson.

The usher was Wayne Quiggle.