

January 6, 1955

Joseph  
**Joe Hoops**

Joe Hoops passed away at St. Luke's hospital in Aberdeen on Dec. 25, 1954 after an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran church in this city on Dec. 29. The Rev. R. M. Grundmeier officiated. The church choir furnished music, singing, "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "Asleep in Jesus."

Pall bearers were Fred Hoops, Clifford Hoops, James Hoops, Ronald Hoops, Howard Nehls and Robt. Erdmann, all nephews of the deceased.

Mr. Hoops was born on Feb. 5, 1891, in West Hanson township. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Hoops.

On Oct. 12, 1912, he was united in marriage with Miss Meta Krueger. To this union two children were born. Mr. Hoops has lived in the Groton community his entire life.

Mr. Hoops was a kind and considerate friend and neighbor and has a large circle of acquaintances who deeply regret his departure.

Survivors include his wife, his daughter, Mrs. Albert Tullis (Lillian) and son, Ralph Hoops, both of Groton. Three brothers and five sisters also survive. They are Mrs. Anna Funk, Mrs. Dora Nehls, Mrs. Louise Radke and Alvin Hoops, all of Groton, Mrs. Frieda Erdmann of Andover, John Hoops of Ferney, Mrs. Edna Dickinson of Aberdeen and Roy Hoops of Verdori. Four grandchildren and a large number of other relatives mourn his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Otto and