

September 9, 1954

Mrs. Tina Hopfner

Funeral services for Mrs. Tina Hopfner were held at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Sept. 2, at St. John's Lutheran church, with the Rev. R. M. Grundmeier officiating. Robert Schuelke sang, "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want," and "There Is An Hour of Peaceful Rest," accompanied by Mrs. A. J. Schuelke. Pall bearers were Andrew Goodman, Emanuel Strom, Henry Lehman, Reuben Lehman, Ben Lorenz, and Alfred Erdmann. Burial was in the Groton cemetery.

Tina Eske was born near Watertown, Wis., on February 28, 1870, the daughter of Wilhelmina and August Eske. She was confirmed in the Lutheran church at Lebanon, Wis. Accompanied by her sister, she came to South Dakota in 1891, and they both made their home with their brother, Frank Eske, residing near Verdon. In 1898 she was united in marriage to Frank Hopfner, and to this union one child was born. They resided on a farm near Randolph until 1920, when they retired and moved to Groton. Mrs. Hopfner was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, and an honorary member of the St. John's Lutheran Ladies' Aid. Her husband, four brothers and two sisters preceded her in death. Mrs. Hopfner died at her home on Sunday, Aug. 29.

Mrs. Hopfner will be remembered for her kindness, her quiet manner and her genuine friendliness. Because of her thoughtfulness, her sympathetic understanding, and her hospitality she was called "Aunt Tina" by many of her friends. Her everyday living was influenced by a devout, Christian faith.

Mrs. Hopfner leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, Mrs. Earl Meredith; one brother, Robert Eske of Aberdeen, many nieces and nephews, besides numerous friends.

Relatives from away attending the funeral were: Mrs. A. E. Luke and Miss Mabel Hopfner of Akron, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Eske of Litchfield, Minn.; Mrs. Melvin Jensen of Egan, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Remily of Verdon, and Mr. and Mrs. John Hopfner of Randolph.