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Willis E. Hosley

(From Putney Correspondent)

Funeral services for Willis E. Hosley, well-known and popular man of the Putney community, who passed away at his home Monday morning, April 25, at 5:25 a. m., were largely attended. The deceased had been ill for three years, undergoing treatment and two major operations at a hospital at Rochester, Minn. Being afflicted with a cancerous tumor of the brain, neither medical science nor loving care could stop the march of the disease, until merciful death came.

The Rev. Earl Gulbranson of Langford conducted the last rites. A ladies' quartet, composed of Mrs. Alfred Paetznick, Mrs. Amos Doeringsfeld, Mrs. Delbert Clawson, and Mrs. Robert N. Hart, sang two hymns, with Mrs. Joe Williams accompanying them on the pipe organ.

Honorary pallbearers were Robert J. Haire, Foster S. Rix, Ray Clark, Harry Pharis and Fred Jensen of Putney, and John Clark, Norman Berry and Joe Williams of Groton. Active pall bearers were Charles Nelson, Wm. Wood, Wm. Honey, Orval Smith and Merrill Rix of Putney, and Alvin Olson of Claremont. Alfred Paetznick had charge of the funeral arrangements, and interment was in the family lot in Groton union cemetery. Members of the Elks' lodge in Aberdeen conducted the committal service at the grave.

Mr. Hosley, 37 years old at the time of his death, was born July 3, 1911, at Putney, where he grew to manhood. Immediately after graduation from Groton high school in 1929, he returned home to manage his parents' farm, because of his father's poor health. Later, Willis went into partnership with his brother, Dale, and this association continued until his illness became serious.

He was a solicitous and loving son and brother, with the family's welfare always uppermost in his mind. He was a good neighbor and friend, with the highest ideals and until his health began to fail, he found a great zest in living, and kept his cheerful outlook on life throughout his long illness. His loss will be keenly felt, not only in the family circle, but among his friends as well.

The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church at Groton and the Elks' lodge in Aberdeen.

He leaves to mourn his passing his father, W. E. Hosley; his sister, Mrs. Wm. Black; a brother, Dale; a brother-in-law, Wm. Black of Waubay; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Dale Hosley, and a niece, Gaylene Hosley, besides a host of friends and other relatives. His mother preceded him in death, passing away December 30, 1947.

The many friends here and nearby extend their sympathy to the family. Less than three months ago another Putney man, William J. Ulrich, died of the same rare illness. These two untimely deaths have knitted the community together in friendliness and service to one another, as nothing else could do.

Among those from away who attended the funeral services were: Wm. Black, Mrs. Jane Black, David Vik, and Mr. and Mrs. David Ackerman of Waubay; Mr. and Mrs. David Jones and Emerson Jones of Britton; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Langford; Mrs. Charles