August 2, 1980

Frank J. Jiran

Services for Frank J. Jiran, 85, were held Monday, June 30, at St. John's Catholic Church in Groton with the Rev. Leonard Fox and the Rev. Marvin McPhee officiating.

Stacy Broman was the organist and Leland Ek and David Ek sang two duets, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and "The Old Rugged Cross".

Burial was in the church cemetery and the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Active casket bearers were Mark Bertelson, Ernie Hanson, Dean Kranhold, Dale Sour, Harold Sour and Robert Wegner. Honorary casket bearers were all of his many friends.

Mr. Jiran died at his home on Thursday, June 26.

Frank Jiran was born February 2, 1895, at Glencoe, Minn. He moved to the Groton area in 1916 and married Esther Sandell in 1920 at Groton. She died in 1929. He then married Edna Strand June 23, 1941, at Clear Lake. He was a retired signal maintainer for the Milwaukee Railroad.

He was a 43 year member of the Aberdeen Elks Lodge No. 1046. He was also an honorary member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen.

The Groton Firemen attended the funeral in a group.

Survivors include his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Kathryn) LeFriec of Spokane, Wash.; and Mrs. Dan (Jacquelyn) Lovett of Norman, Okla.; one sister, Mrs. Rose Whetford of Minneapolis, Minn., three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.