

August 31, 1961

Darrel Johnson

A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends attended funeral services Sunday afternoon at the Augustana Lutheran church near Claremont for Darrel Johnson. The Rev. Albert Hemming officiated at the services.

Music was provided by Mrs. Elvert Swanson, organist, and songs by Morton Erickson of Langford and Mrs. Robert Stanley of Claremont.

Legionnaires from the Claremont Post were honorary pall bearers. Active pall bearers were Manley Green, Gerald and Gene Cassels, Ralph Breikreutz, Benny Schaller and Raymond Adler.

The untimely death of this young man not only saddened his family, but the whole community.

Darrel Phalin Johnson was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Johnson at Groton on August 27, 1928. He attended grade school in Riverside township and graduated from Groton high school in 1947. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith at Augustana Lutheran church where he has been a life long member.

On Sept. 8, 1950, Darrel joined the United States air force where he served four years of which 2 years were spent overseas. During that time he served as flight engineer and was honorably discharged on August 4, 1954. Since then Darrel was engaged in farming with his father and brother, Dennis.

On August 20, Darrel was in a car accident and was taken to St. Luke's hospital. He passed away on Thursday afternoon, August 24.

He was buried on Aug. 27, his 33rd birthday with military honors by the Harold Feser Post at the Sunset Memorial Garden in Aberdeen.

He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, one sister, Joycel Goodrich of Aberdeen and three brothers, Dennis and Lambert of Groton and Lewis of Center City, Minn.

Relatives attending from distant cities were Walter and Douglas Cedstrand, Milton Nordstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Delton Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford West, Mrs. Edith Peters, Mrs. Lawrence Porter and Miss Edith Sipe of Minncapolis, Warren Shelandor and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Peterson of Forest Lake, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Axel Shelandor of Lindstrom, Minn.,