

November 1, 1973

Merle Johnson

Services for Merle L. Johnson, 34, were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Groton Presbyterian Church and at 1:30 p.m. at the Summit City Hall with the Rev. Robert Carey officiating at both services. Burial was in the Summit Community Cemetery.

Mr. Johnson died unexpectedly October 22 while on a hunting trip.

Harold Binde, soloist, was accompanied by Mrs. Ben Anderson, Groton organist, and Mrs. Olson, Summit organist.

Honorary pallbearers were Paul Ness, Elroy Nordquist, Charles Raap, Tom Raap, Ron Ruediger and Dick Seurer. Active pallbearers were Robert Amdahl, Omar Binde, Joe Clark, Omar Halvarson, Gordon Porath and Allen Richter.

Mr. Johnson was born May 20, 1939, at Montrose. He married Frances Rider June 11, 1963, at Wilmot. He lived in the Summit area until moving to Groton. He was a signal maintainer for the Milwaukee Railroad.

Survivors include his widow; one son, Mark; two daughters, Debra and Connie, all at home; three brothers, Kenneth of Summit, Dale of Manning, Iowa, and Duane of Menomonie, Wis.; three sisters, Mrs. Dick (Virginia) Venenga of Sioux Falls, Mrs. Joe (Lucille) Mason of Collinsville, Ill., and Mrs. Hubert (Gladys) Lumby, also of Sioux Falls.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.