Mrs. H. Kemnitz

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Funeral services for Mrs. Harry (Leone Mae) Kemnitz, 80, Columbia, were held at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23, at the United Church of Christ in Columbia with the Rev. John Brooks of Aberdeen and the Rev. John Maines of Groton officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Eastern Star committal service was held at the church and performed by Mrs. David James.

Lee Schinkel, soloist, sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. Ed Karlen, organist.

Casketbearers were Verne Tunby, Kenneth Miller, Ben Dayton, Tim Tunby and Joel and Larry Wilson. Walter Sieber and Allen Dennert were ushers.

Mrs. Kemnitz died Friday, Jan. 20, at St. Luke's Hospital.

Leone Mae Tollefson was born October 5, 1897, near Lanesboro, Minn. As a child she moved with her family to the Houghton area where she attended school. She also attended Northern State College where she received her teaching degree. She taught in the Columbia area and married Harry Kemnitz on June 14, 1927, at Aberdeen. They made their home on a farm northwest of Columbia until 1934 when they moved to Columbia where he operated a carpentry and construction business. In 1942 they returned to their farm northeast of Columbia.

She was a past member of the Columbia school board and was active in community activities. She was a member of the Women's Fellowship of the church and was a past choir director and church organist for many years. She was a past matron of the Order of Eastern star, Star of the North No. 122 of Columbia, and was the chapter organist at the time of her death. She was also a member of the Aberdeen Area Senior Citizens and the American Legion Auxiliary of Columbia.

Survivors include her widower; one son, Herschel of Aberdeen; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth (Bonnie) Jark of Stratford; and 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and one grandson.