

November 8, 1973

Mrs. John Kepke

Services were held Monday, Nov. 5, at the Groton United Methodist Church for Mrs. John (Nora) Kepke, 81, former Groton area resident. The Rev. Larry Moore officiated, and burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Music was furnished by Mrs. Kenneth Alberts, organist, and Miss Carna Ruden, soloist, who sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Just As I Am."

Pallbearers were three nephews, Richard Ruden, Earl Ruden, Merrill Rix; and three close friends of the family, Donald Henley, Robert Pray Sr. and Harold Vaughan, the latter of Aberdeen.

Nora O. Kepke, wife of the late John H. Kepke, was born December 29, 1891, in LaCrosse, Wis. She passed away Friday, Nov. 2, at the Golden Age Nursing Home in St. Paul where she had been a resident the past year.

Mrs. Kepke received her education in the LaCrosse schools, and after graduation from the normal there, she taught school for eight years.

While visiting relatives at Hettinger, N.D., the deceased met Mr. Kepke and they were married later at Hettinger on Oct. 25, 1920. The couple moved to a farm in the Putney community where they lived until his death on June 14, 1957. She continued to make her home on the farm during the summer months for several years.

Three sons were born to this union: Charles of St. Paul, Robert of Lake Worth, Fla., and James of Irvine, Calif. Besides the sons, other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Myrtle McCollum of Downers Grove, Ill.; and a brother, Earl O. Ruden of St. Louis Park, Minn. Eleven grandchildren and one great-grandson also survive.

Mrs. Kepke was a member of the United Methodist Church. While living here, she was active in community and church affairs.

Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel were in charge of arrangements.