

May 7, 1975

## Mrs. Wm. Klaus

Services for Mrs. William (Ruth) Klaus, 68, Groton were held today, Wednesday, May 7, at 3 p.m., in the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert Carey and the Rev. Marvin McPhee officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Mrs. Klaus died Saturday, May 3, at St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.

Lee Schinkel, soloist, sang "Ivory Palaces," and the congregation sang "Abide With Me," accompanied by Mrs. Ben Anderson, organist.

Honorary casket bearers were Max Birrenkott, Gilbert Erdmann, Frank Jiran, Rudy Hilgren, Albert Radke, Clayton Sternhagen, Arthur Totzke and Robert Wegner. Active casket bearers were Alan Larson, Douglas Larson, Larry Larson, Daniel Nikolas, Ronald Nikolas, all grandsons of the deceased; and Dean Larson.

Ruth Ferguson was born August 10, 1906, in Milbank. She married Desmond Brant in Groton. He died in May, 1942.

On July 4, 1945, she married William Klaus in Groton. Mrs. Klaus was a member of United Presbyterian Women and the Delphian Society. She operated the Blue Bird Cafe in Groton for about 17 years.

Survivors include her widower; two daughters, Mrs. Andrew (Donna) Nikolas of Aberdeen and Mrs. Bob (Clarice) Larson of Amherst; one brother, the Rev. Charles Ferguson, Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. Lyman (Irene) Cotton of Yucaipa, Calif., and Mrs. Robert (Viola) Duthie of Portland, Ore.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Klaus was preceded in death by her first husband and one grandchild.

Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.