

June 4, 1975

William Klaus ✓

Services for William H. (Bill) Klaus, 81, Groton, were held Thursday, May 29, at 2 p.m., in the First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Robert Carey and Father M. McPhee officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

Mr. Klaus died Sunday, May 25 at his home.

Lee Schinkel, soloist, sang "How Great Thou Art" and the congregation sang "Abide With Me" accompanied by Mrs. Ben Anderson, organist.

Honorary casket bearers were Max Birrenkott, Gilbert Erdmann, Frank Jiran, Ed Paeth, Albert Radke, Clayton Sternhagen and Arthur Totzke. Active casket-bearers were Alan Larson, Douglas Larson, Larry Larson and Daniel Nikolas, all grandsons of the deceased, Ed Opp and Robert Wegner.

William Klaus was born February 7, 1894, in Groton to Mr. and Mrs. John Klaus. He graduated from Groton High School and attended the Aberdeen Normal. He married Ruth Brant July 4, 1945. She preceded him in death by three weeks. Mr. Klaus was a member of the Groton First Presbyterian Church. A retired carpenter, he was a Groton area resident all of his life.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Mrs. Andrew (Donna) Nikolas, Aberdeen and Mrs. Bob (Clarice) Larson, Amherst; one sister, Mrs. Ewald (Edna) Kuehnert, Portland, Ore.; two nephews, Arthur Kuehnert, Seoul, Korea and Cortland Kuehnert, Yucaipa, Calif.; one niece, Leone K. Marcel, Portland, Ore.; 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Klaus was preceded in death by his parents, wife and one grandchild.

Paetznick - Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.