

Elmer Knudsen

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Elmer Knudsen was born October 13, 1916 in rural New Effingson, to Gabriel and Emma (Rand) Knudsen on his parent's farm. He attended rural school and lived and worked on his parents farm until he enlisted in the United States Signal Corp. After an honorable discharge he returned to South Dakota and attended South Dakota State University at Brookings. On March 6, 1948 he married Ruth Holum at Aberdeen. They purchased and lived on a farm near Claire City. In 1961, they moved to a farm near Groton where they have lived ever since. Elmer was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen and the Sons of Norway.

He is survived by his wife Ruth of Groton, three daughters, Mrs. Jerry (Kristie) Tolsted, Alliance, Neb., Mrs.

Patrick (Sonja) Hurley of Red Oak, Iowa and Mrs. Jim (Rhonda) Jensen of Inwood, Iowa, one son, Stanley, Groton; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Moen, Pleasonton, Calif., and Mrs. Blanchard (Gladys) Wix, Minooka, Ill.; one brother, Russell, Paradise, Calif. and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers.

Funeral services were held at the Bethlehem Church in Aberdeen at 10:30 Wednesday, Feb. 25 with Rev. Gerold Sevig officiating. The casketbearers were all Knudsen nephews. Burial was in Groton Union Cemetery. The organist was Arliss Alberts, there was a duet by Bob and Chuck Holum. Ushers were Otto Hunstead and Elmer Roth. The Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel of Groton was in charge of arrangements.