

Eleanor Lapham, 67

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Eleanor Marie Lapham, 67, Groton, died at St. Luke's Midland Medical Center, Aberdeen, Wednesday, March 16. The funeral was at Zion Lutheran Church, Andover, Friday, March 19, with Dwaine Doremus officiating. Burial was in the Andover Cemetery. A prayer service was held Thursday evening at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Eleanor Marie Widvey was born June 27, 1925 at Ellendale, N.D., to Anerth and Anna (Halpin) Widvey. At the age of three, she moved with her parents to the Andover area. She was baptized into the Lutheran faith October 26, 1925 at Mayville, N.D. She was confirmed April 2, 1939 at Andover.

She attended rural schools, and graduated from Andover High School in 1942. She attended Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn., and taught in rural schools. She finished her education and graduated from Northern State College, Aberdeen in 1970. She taught in Andover and Pierpont schools. She taught in the Groton school from 1967 until 1988, when she retired from teaching.

She married William W. Kroll at Andover, November 28, 1946. They lived and farmed in the Andover area. He died in 1966. She married Robert Lapham at Andover, August 16, 1968. They moved to Groton. He died in 1990.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Andover; an active member of Lutheran Womens Missionary League, serving as president at the time of her death; a member of the South Dakota Educational Assn., National Educational Assn.; and the Retired Teachers Assn.

She is survived by two sons, William E. Kroll and James A. Kroll; four daughters, Mrs. Ade (Ann Marie) Swenson, Thompson, Iowa; Judy Kroll, Brookings; Mrs. David (Joyce) Priem, LaVernia, Texas; and Mrs. Kevin (Donna) Briggs, Mankato, Minn.; three brothers, Harold Widvey, Brookings; Norman Widvey, Pierre; John Widvey, Battle Lake, Minn.; one sister, Ardath May, Andover; eleven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and both husbands.

Casketbearers were Alan Borchard, Steve Hein, Wayne Hein, Alan May, Bruce May and Loren Helmer.

Sheryl Keup was organist and Jane Kroll the pianist.