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John F. Luce, 62

John Francis Luce Sr., 62, Gettysburg, (formerly Groton and Aberdeen) died at the Gettysburg Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, Feb 23, 1994.

His funeral was Monday, Feb. 28, 1994, at the United Methodist Church, Gettysburg, with the Rev. Bert Van Esson and Fr. Michael Schneider officiating. Burial was in the Gettysburg Cemetery, with Luce Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. A prayer service was held Sunday afternoon at the Luce Funeral Home.

John Francis Luce Sr. was born July 31, 1931 at Aberdeen, S.D., to Frederick and Wanda (McPeck)



Luce. He grew up in Aberdeen and graduated from Central High School in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army, December 7, 1951 - November 18, 1953. He worked for 33 years at the Aberdeen American News between 1945 and 1982.

He married Vivian Klapperich, January 28, 1956, at the All Saints rectory, Mellette, S.D. They made their home in Aberdeen until 1967, when they moved to Groton, S.D. After leaving the Aberdeen American News, he worked at various jobs in Groton. They moved to Gettysburg in October 1985 and purchased Larson Printing, which he operated until the time of his death. He was a member of the Northland Strollers Street Rod Assn., Aberdeen; S.D. Street Rod Assn.; National Street Rod Assn.; VFW, American Legion; and the Gettysburg Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian, Gettysburg; three brothers, Alfred and Madaline Luce, Leesburg, Fla.; Jesse and Angie Luce, Aberdeen, and Robert and Wilma Luce, Belle Fourche; one sister, Mrs. Pat (Marie) Schnell, Aberdeen; two sons, John Luce Jr., Gettysburg, and Steven and Teri Luce, Powder Springs, Ga.; three daughters, Mrs. Bruce (Vickie) Sippel, Groton; Mrs. Craig (Kathy) Dickamore, Lewiston, Idaho, and Mrs. Dean (Sherrie) Van Zee, St. Lawrence, S.D.; 20 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, George.

Pallbearers were Jerry Sautner, Ron Houck, Mick Schneider, Jim Manning, Dick Seuer and Leonard "Butch" Eikamp.