

Lou Merkel, 67

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The funeral for Llewellyn (Lou) Merkel, 67, Groton, will be held today, 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 7, 1995, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen with military graveside rites by the Groton American Legion Post #39.

He died Sunday, Sept. 3, at St. Luke's Midland Regional Medical Center in Aberdeen.

Lou Merkel was born January 12, 1928, at Ashley, N.D. to Jacob and Flossie Stevens Merkel. He grew up in the Ellendale, N.D., and Forbes, N.D. areas and attended country schools. He was baptized into the Lutheran faith and was confirmed April 30, 1944, at Forbes, N.D.

He served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He married Myrtle Martinson on December 7, 1953 at Webster. He worked as a farm laborer in the Forbes and Ellendale areas and they also worked in Britton and Columbia. They moved to Seattle, Wash., where he worked at the Pacific Car and Foundry during 1966 and 1967. They then moved to Groton where he worked on area farms until his retirement.

During his retirement years, he enjoyed gardening. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, and the Groton American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of Groton, four sons, Terry (Ralph) Merkel, Groton; Bruce Merkel, Groton; Curtis Merkel, Claremont; and Allan Merkel, Groton; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Slabo, Jr., Murdo; six brothers,



Delbert Merkel, Ellendale, N.D.; Ted Merkel, Sacramento, Calif.; Melvin Merkel, Portland, Ore.; Clifford Merkel, San Diego, Calif.; Edwin Merkel, Great Falls, Mont.; and Alvin Merkel, Richmond Lake; five sisters, Dorothy Neuhardt, Aberdeen; Mrs. Bill (Edith) Heinrich, Redwood Falls, Minn.; Mrs. Richard (Emma) Oleck, Felton, Minn.; Mrs. Michael (Marian) Martin, Sr., Forbes, N.D.; Mrs. Gerard (Francis) Schwan, San Francisco, Calif.; nine grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

The casketbearers will be James Gerdes, Darwin Konrad, Michael Martin, Jr., LeRoy Neuhardt, Robert Pray, Sr., and Alan Strom. The organist will be Alvera Neuman and the ushers will be Eugene Neuman and Rob Schuelke.