Elmer Messing, 85

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Elmer H. Messing, 85, Groton, died at Mercy Medical Center, Coon Rapids, Minn., Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1993.

A scriptural wake service was held Sunday evening, Aug. 22, 1993, at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel. The funeral was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Groton, Monday, Aug. 23, 1993, with the Rev. Albert Cizewski officiating.

Burial was in the Groton Catholic Cemetery, with arrangements by Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home.

Elmer Messing was born June 17, 1908 at Dyersville, Iowa, to William and Rose (Tessier) Messing. The family moved to the Groton area when he was four years old. He attended Groton school.

He married Bernice Spratt at Groton, October 3, 1935. They bought and lived on a farm north of Groton. They built a home in Groton and moved there shortly before he retired.

He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Groton. He served on the board of directors of the High Grade Oil Company for many years.

He is survived by two sons and their wives, Merle and Beth Messing, Hardy, Va.; and Gregory and Diane Messing, Anoka, Minn.; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and one sister.

Casketbearers were Alvin Abeln, Eugene Abeln, George Alberts Jr., Robert Pray Sr., Ben Schaller and Lyle Von Wald.

Organist was JoAnne Cameron, and soloist was Lee Schinkel. Ushers was George Treml and Dale McGannon.