

August 10, 1961

## Mrs. Vance E. Miller ✓

Gertrude

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Vance E. Miller, Thursday, Aug. 3rd, at the Methodist church in Groton. The Rev. R. P. Nielsen, pastor, conducted the services assisted by Rev. Frederick MacKenzie, a former pastor of the church and now of Milwaukee, Wis. Misses Myrtle and Margaret Blader sang accompanied by Mrs. Robert Wegner. Pall bearers were Clayton Deitz, Milo Cook, Dale Sour, R. A. Richards, Wilford Dresbach and Ralph Karnopp.

Gertrude Elizabeth Wagener was born Feb. 12, 1899, at James, S. Dak., the daughter of Frank A. and Elizabeth Wagener and youngest of four children. She attended the Bowles and Riverside country grade school and graduated from Groton high school. On Sept. 6, 1924, she was united in marriage to Vance E. Miller of Groton. To this union two children were born.

She was a member of the Methodist church of Groton, a life member of the WSCS, Diana Chapter No. 83, Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter A C of the PEO Sisterhood, the Merifu Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary. In all of these organizations she held many offices and was extremely active in their projects and other community events. For the past several years she has been in failing health but her interest in these organizations in which she held membership continued. The past thirteen months she had been confined to the Bethesda Nursing Home at Webster, where she passed away quietly on Monday evening, July 31, 1961, at 7:00 p. m.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, one son, Vance Edward Jr., of Palo Alto, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Allan D. (Marilyn) Schornack of St. Charles, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. R. W. (Sadie) Bradshaw of Lakeland, Fla., and four grandchildren besides a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Elmer and Frank.

Mrs. Miller was laid to rest in the Groton Union Cemetery. She had been a director of the Cemetery Association for a number of years and helped plan and direct many of the tree shrubbery plantings there.

Among the relatives attending the last rites were Mr. and Mrs. Allan Schornack and children, St. Charles, Ill.; Vance Edward Miller, Palo Alto, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller,