

October 10, 1979

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**James E. Murray**

James E. Murray, 86, of Groton, died Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Colonial Manor in Groton.

Services were Thursday, Oct. 4, at the United Methodist Church in Groton with the Rev. John Maines officiating.

Mrs. Ben Anderson was the organist, Mrs. Gary Townsend, soloist, sang "Abide with Me" and "How Great Thou Art."

Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery. The Paetznick-Garner Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Casket bearers were Leslie Feller, Jerry Johnson, Luverne Strom, Alan Townsend, David Townsend and Gary Townsend.

Military graveside rites were conducted by Andover Post #258 and Groton Post #39 of the American Legion.

Mr. Murray was born Aug. 10, 1893, in Day County, near Andover. As a small boy he moved with his family to the Roscoe area. He entered the service in 1914 when he served with company L, National Guards, for a time on the Mexican border. He was sent to France where he took part in the several major battles and was called into the Rainbow Division as a replacement where he served under General Douglas MacArthur. He later returned to the Andover-Groton area where he farmed until his retirement. He married Emily Feller June 8, 1920, in Day County. He was a veteran of World War I and was a charter member of the Andover American Legion Post.

Survivors include his widow, one son, Robert, of Lead; one daughter, Mrs. Russell (Marjorie) Townsend, of Andover; one brother, John, residing at the Colonial Manor in Groton; one sister, Mrs. Jeanette Oban, of Ipswich; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, one brother and four sisters.