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John (Jack) Nehls

The funeral services for John H. (Jack) Nehls, 88, Groton, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Dan Elkins officiating.

Burial was in the Ferney Cemetery with military rites by the Groton American Legion. Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

He died Saturday, Jan. 11, 1986, at Dakota Midland Hospital.

Casketbearers were Barry Bawek, Don Bawek, Curtis Haskell, Roy Nehls, George Snaza and Roy Snaza. Organist was Mrs. Eugene Neuman with Cindy Haskell as soloist, singing, "How Great Thou Art." The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "I'm But A Stranger Here."

John Nehls was born April 2, 1897, at Ferney to Herman and Anna Nehls. He married Stella Simpson August 28, 1919, at Aberdeen. He served in World War I. He farmed for 30 years and in 1949 became a parts man for Berry & Werth International Harvester. He worked at the Groton Farm Store from 1958 to 1964.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Groton American Legion. He lived in the Groton-Ferney area all his life.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Ralph, Groton; Richard, Pierpont, and Lester, Fort Wayne, Ind.; two daughters, Mrs. Florence Schaller, Phoenix, Ariz., and Mrs. Morris (Joyce) Bawek, Conde; three sisters, Mrs. Irene Breitreutz and Mrs. Augusta Dobberpuhl, both of Groton, and Mrs. Clara Hoops, Ferney; 15 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one granddaughter, one great-grandson, six brothers and one sister.