

September 14, 1950

John R. Neill

John R. Neill, 87, Rondell pioneer, passed away Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Aberdeen hospital, where he was a patient since August 24.

Mr. Neill was born in Beaver Dam, Wis., January 16, 1863, to Hugh and Katherine Neill, one of eight children. He came to Dakota territory March 16, 1883, residing his entire life in the Rondell vicinity. He was married to Mary Chandler on July 24, 1889. The couple celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in July.

The deceased was the only remaining member of his immediate family. His parents, brothers and sisters having all preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held in the Stratford Presbyterian church, Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 5th. The Rev. L. W. Pippert of Aberdeen officiated with the Rev. Gulbranson of Langford assisting. Burial was in the West Rondell cemetery.

Members of the Rebekah lodge and the I. O. O. F. lodge attended in a group. Honorary pall bearers were: Harry Compton, R. S. Hartwell, C. L. Parduhn, F. H. Erdmann, Otto Kohlhoff, Otto Bartz, Andrew Hansen, George Saunders, R. L. Bryan and H. H. Slack.

Active pall bearers were: Henry Lehr, Oscar Ellingson, Albert Miller, Elmer Gould, Erick Stange and Adolph Dobberpuhl.

Survivors include his wife, and two sons, Stanley of Seattle, Wash., and Knolen of Stratford; one granddaughter, Mrs. Arlene Stahl, of Monroe, Wash., and a great grandson, Stephen John. Also a number of nieces and nephews.

Among those from out-of-town attending the last rites were: Clifford Smith, Tom Rowlands, Mrs. John Cornelius, Mrs. R. E. Olson and Miss Hollenbeck, all of Aberdeen; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schoen and Mrs. Martha Fuhrman of Mansfield.