

Charles "Duke" Nietert, 74

Charles "Duke" Nietert, 74, Claremont died Thursday, Mar. 18, 1999 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen. His Mass of the Christian burial was Monday, Mar. 22, 1999 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton, with the Rev. David Janes and Msgr. Marvin McPhee officiating.

Burial was in the Huffton Cemetery, with Military graveside rites conducted by Harold Feser American Legion Post #262, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.

Charles D. Nietert was born August 16, 1924 to Thomas Boyd and Anna (Swensen) Nietert. He grew up in the Claremont area and attended school in Claremont. He graduated from Claremont High School in 1942 and then attended Northern State Teachers College, Aberdeen. He served in the United States Navy during World War II, returning to Claremont after his discharge.

He married Pat Dunne, July 3, 1947 and they made their home in Claremont. He was vice president of the First State Bank of Claremont, and had worked there for 48 years.

He was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton; the Harold Feser American Legion Post #262; the Sportsman Club, Claremont, and the Claremont Men's Bowling Association, where he served as secretary 1956 to 1991. The Claremont community and the people of the area were very important to him. He liked yard work and fishing. His greatest enjoyment was his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and following their activities.

He is survived by his wife, Claremont; two sons, Chuck (Jeanette) Nietert, Aberdeen, and Brian (Jean) Nietert, Claremont; four daughters, Charla (Wendell) Rye, Claremont, Barbara (Raymond) Nelson, Warner, Jolaine (Bill) Fitch, Westport, and Jill (Denis) Meyer, Rock Rapids, Iowa; a sister, Marjorie (Norman) Hewitt, Claremont; 20 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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

Honorary casketbearers were all his friends. Casketbearers were Rollin Christenson, John Freeland, Doug Hinrichs, Jan Hinrichs, Jeff Stohr and Ron Wegleitner.

Organist was Matt Hinds. Ushers were Roger Schuller, Sherm Cutler, Leo Kersting and Lyle Von Wald.

