Francis William Norris

Francis William Norris, 73, of Groton died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000 at the Beverly Healthcare Center in Groton.

His funeral was held Thursday, Nov. 30, 10:30 a.m., at the United Methodist Church, Groton, with the Rev. Richard Collman officiating. Burial followed in the Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Francis William Norris was born on January 18, 1927 in Britton, S.D., to William and Bertha (Lyons) Norris. He attended country school and later the Langford Public School.

Francis farmed in the Langford area until he met Florrann Lenius They were married on October 26, 1952 in a small church ceremony in Britton. Francis and Florrann lived in Claremont where he worked for Willie's Sinclair for a number of years. Francis and his family then moved to Groton in 1966 where they still resided.

He worked at the International Harvester in Aberdeen. until 1986 when he went to work on the Northern State University Campus. Francis retired in 1995,

Francis is survived by his wife Florrann, Groton; three sons, Mark (Laurie) of Salem; Allen (Chris), Ft. Worth, Texas; Barry (Tina) of Midway, Ga.; two daughters; Florrinda (Craig) Blumhardt, Jamestown, N.D.; Carla (Tim) Geffre, Groton; and 13 grandchildren.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.