Arthur H. Olson

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GROTON - Arthur H. Olson, 74, Groton, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1990, at the University of Minnesota Hospitals in Minneapolis.

His funeral was held Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton. The Rev. William Paepke, the Rev. John Israel and the Rev. Larry Johnson officiated.

Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetary with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

A prayer service was held at the funeral chapel Sunday evening with the Rev. Phillip and Ginny Olson officiating.

Arthur H. Olson was born January 14, 1916, to Alfred K. and Julia (Quandahl) Olson on a homestead in Commanche, Mont. The family moved to Groton while he was an infant. He graduated from Groton High School in 1934 and graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls in 1939. He was a member of the Augustana Honor guard which are 50 year graduates of the college. He attended SDSU at Brookings and taught high school science, math and band at Raymond and Timber Lake.

He married Irma Israel May 25, 1941, at Steen, Minn. From 1942 to '45 he taught high frequency radio at the Army Air Base at Sioux Falls. He served as principal at Miller in 1945 and then went to Wagner High School as principal.

In 1947 they moved to Groton and he became an insurance representative for Aid Association for Lutheran and earned the degree of Fraternal Insurance Counselor. He was an AAL District Representative for 35 years

until his retirement December 1, 1987.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton, past chairman of the church congregation. He served as elder, Sunday school superintendent and Bible class leader. He served on the district board of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. He was a member of the Groton School Board, and was a member and officer of the Lutheran Layman League, Groton Kiwanis Club, Health Underwriters, Life Underwriters and the Barbershop Chorus.

Survivors include his wife, Irma, Groton; one son, the Rev. David Olson, Overland Park, Kan.; one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Julie) Berry, Minocqua, Wis.; one brother, Maurice Olson, Groton; one sister, Arlene Dixon, Colorado Springs, Colo.; one granddaughter, Tania Berry; five grandsons, Chris, Nathan and David Berry, Aaron and Daniel Olson. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Active casketbearers were Stanley Knudsen, Roy Olson, Gilbert Hinkelman, Michael Healy, Richard Fliehs and Morris Spencer. Honorary casketbearers were AAL representatives.

Organist was Eileen Brandt. Phillip Olson sang "Behold A Host." A trumpet solo, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," was played by Mark Israel. The Barbershop Chorus sang, "God Hath Not Promised" and "How Great Thou Art." The congregation sang, "The Church's One Foundation," and "Now Thank We All, Our God."