

Clifford G. Ott

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Clifford Ott, 73, Huron, died Tuesday, July 17, 1990 at his residence. The funeral was held Saturday, July 21, 1990 at 11 a.m. at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Huron, with Rev. Dana Brooks officiating. Burial was at 3 p.m. at the Groton Union Cemetery, Groton. Visitation was Friday at the Kuhler Funeral Home, Huron.

Clifford G. Ott was born February 18, 1917 near Groton, S.D. to John and Frieda B. (Stange) Ott. He graduated from Groton High School in 1934 and attended Aberdeen Business College. In 1939 he moved to San Diego, Calif., and worked with the U.S. Grant Hotel system. On December 31, 1942, he married Mary Louise Samuel, Groton, and they farmed near Verdon for the next 22 years. He was one of the original agents for the National Farmers Union Insurance companies, starting with the company in 1948. He was appointed the District Manager in 1960 and in 1963 the family moved to Huron upon his appointment as the Regional Manager. He was chosen as Regional Manager of the Year in 1978 in response to the five-fold

increase in South Dakota volume under his direction. Cliff's leadership will be most remembered for his help to young people in the company. He trusted them, instilled faith in them, and motivated them to strive and to use talent they didn't know they had. In 1984, he received the South Dakota Farmers Union Award for Meritorious Service. He served the Farmers Union in local, county, district and state capacities and went through all the chairs in the Huron Life Underwriters. He was active in community affairs, and held many offices in Mount Calvary Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Laymen's League, and was active in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

He is survived by his wife Mary, Huron; two daughters, Linda Fischer, Harrison, Ark. and Cheryl Hilgemann, Hudson, Wis.; a son, Lari Ott, Pierre; five grandchildren, Chloette Fischer, Gef Fischer, Loel Fischer, Chris Ott and Kendra Ott; and one brother, Orville Ott, Sarasota, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one son.