

January 21, 2006

## Obit: Arthur Padfield



- Services for Arthur Padfield, 93, of Groton will be 11:00am, Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Jan Price will officiate. Burial will follow in Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Military rites will be provided by American Legion Post #39.
- Visitation will be held at the church for one hour prior to services on Saturday.
- Arthur Zell Padfield was born on December 1, 1912 to Arthur C. & Leona (West) Padfield near Crandall, South Dakota. The family later moved near Verdon where Arthur attended school. Art worked for area farmers, as well as, on the family

farm. He also worked in Rapid City in the Civilian Conservation Corp before enlisting in the Army in 1942. Art served in World War II as an airplane mechanic. He was united in marriage to Audrey Matthews on April 26, 1945 in Webster. In December of 1945, he was honorably discharged and returned to South Dakota where the couple made their home in the Putney/Groton area. Art was employed with Jay Swisher and Clark Brothers Farm for 32 years. He later worked at Pioneer Ford and Olive Grove Golf Course until he retired at the age of 90. Arthur died January 18, 2006 at his residence.

- Art was a member of the Groton United Methodist Church, Aberdeen Moose Lodge, Groton American Legion, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Groton Senior Citizens. He enjoyed dancing, playing cards and other games.
- Grateful for having shared in his life is his wife, Audrey, four daughters; Rose Marie (Doug) Krueger of Alberta, MN, Judy (Don) Burdick of Huron, Karen (Al) Backman of Alberta, MN, Lea Ann (David) Alwin of Watertown, two sons; Robert (Marilu) Padfield of Appleton, MN, John Padfield of Aberdeen, eleven grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and one sister, Rita Washnok of Chaska, MN.
- Preceding him in death were his parents, one sister, one brother and two children.
- Casketbearers will be his grandchildren; Dan Krueger, Rebecca Krueger, Tammie Eggebratten, Ann Burdick, Steven Burdick, Joshua Backman, Jessica Backman, Erin Alwin, Ryan Alwin and Evan Alwin.

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