George Pagel

Services for George H. Pagel, 77, a resident of the 5th Avenue Apartments, were held at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21, at the Miller-Huebl Funeral Home in Aberdeen with the Rev. Don Salberg of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church officiating.

Burial was in the East Rondell Cemetery at Stratford.

Mr. Pagel died Thursday, Feb. 17, at Dakota Midland Hospital.

Casketbearers were Dale Dunker, Verdon; Otho Schaller, Groton, Robert Sharp and Harold Beckler, both of Bath; Myles Beckler and Bernie Kopecky, both of Aberdeen. Honorary casketbearers were Hilbert Radke, Herbert Radke and Marvin Rossow, all of Stratford; Chancy Morey, Groton; Bernard Schley, Aberdeen; Howard Nogle and Gerhardt Erdmann, both of Verdon; and Hubert Stange, Redfield.

George H. Pagel was born April 27, 1905, in Garden Prairie Township, five miles east of Stratford. He grew up there and farmed with his parents. He married Loretta R. Lorenzen July 2, 1927, at Aberdeen. They farmed in the Stratford area until 1945 when they moved to the Verdon area where he farmed. In 1957 they moved to the Randolph area and he worked for the Griefenhagen Farm. He then worked for South Dakota Wheat Growers until his retirement in 1979. They then moved to Custer and in 1982 they moved to Aberdeen. He was a member of the Garden Prairie School Board No. 264 and was one of the first members of the Ferney Farmer's Union Co-op.

Survivors include his widow; one son George, Las Cruces, N.M.; one daughter, Mrs. Philip (Marilyn) Arthurs, Des Moines, Iowa; three sisters, Mrs. Anna Schlichting and Mrs. Ben (Hazel) Dixon, both of Aberdeen; and Mrs. Oscar (Martha) Paetznick, Groton; nine grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by two sons, one daughter, five sisters and three brothers.