

Rueben Henry Paul, 80

Rueben Henry Paul, 80, Groton, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1999 at his home.

His funeral was Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999 at First Presbyterian Church, Groton, with the Rev. Jeff Schirle officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. Military graveside rites were by the Groton Legion.

Rueben Henry Paul was born December 26, 1918 to Jesse and Lydia (Condit) Paul, Craigmont, Idaho. He attended Sherman Indian School, Riverside, Calif., and graduated in 1938 from Craigmont High School. He then attended the University of Idaho, Moscow, Id., where he graduated with a Masters degree in Education. Reuben served in the Army during World War II. He was stationed in the Pacific Theater, where he received a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

He married Diane Gibbs, November 4, 1972 in Aberdeen. Rueben worked at the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 35 years serving North Dakota, South Dakota, Arizona and Washington, before his retirement in 1981.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Groton, and the Nez Perce Indian Tribe. He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled Veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Diane, Groton; four sons, Jeremy (Bobbi) Paul, Pierre; Vincent (Regina) Paul, Portland, Ore.; Scott (Kristi) Larsen, Groton, and Kelly (Lori) Larsen, Augusta, Ga.; two daughters, Jessica Paul, Pheasant Hill, Calif., and Kim Barragan, Groton; one brother, Titus Paul, Lewiston, Idaho; six grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, five sisters, and two sons.

Casketbearers were Richard Flihs, Jesse Paul, Richard Anderson, Clayton Sternhagen, Lee Schinkel and Dwight Zerr.

Organist was Marie Sternhagen and there was congregational singing. Ushers were Ben Anderson and Wayne Quiggle.

