

September 14, 1967

Frank A. Pratt

Services for Frank A. Pratt, 75, were at 2 p. m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Carey officiated and burial was at Groton cemetery.

Pratt died Monday at St. Luke's hospital in Aberdeen, following a short illness.

Music was provided by the church choir singing, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" accompanied by Mrs. Joe Williams, organist.

Honorary pall bearers were Jack Hanson, Herman Julson, Walter Kepke, Ed Miller, Ed Paeth, George Riggs, John Schornack and Kermit Sperry.

Active pall bearers were Sam Aeilts, Dan Anderson, John Clark, Jerroll Erdman, Clayton Gibbs and Manley Green. Charles A. Howard, grand master of South Dakota conducted graveside Masonic rites.

Frank Allen Pratt was born Feb. 29, 1892, in the Argyle community near Rockton, Ill., and grew to young manhood in that area. He came to Groton with his parents in 1906 and attended high school here and Brown's Business College at Rockford, Ill. He married Frances Wood, Nov. 18, 1920 and to this union were born three daughters.

Mr. Pratt farmed south of Groton and near Putney for many years and moved to Groton in 1954. He worked for the Brown Co. ASC office and various other jobs. Among the many civic activities were 29 years as a member of school boards, Boy Scout Finance Chairman, served on Red Cross and other community committees. He was manager of Groton Businessmen's Pay Day from its beginning.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, served as Deacon, secretary of the Presbyterian Men and has been custodian of the church for 10 years.

Mr. Pratt was a member of many Masonic Bodies and filled nearly all offices of the Groton Blue Lodge of which he was a Past Master and a Past High Priest and secretary of the local lodge. He was a charter member of Council No. 9 of Aberdeen and a Past Grand Illustrious Master of that organization; also a member of Damacus Commandery, Oriental Consistory and Yelduz Shrine, was a member of Groton Order of the Eastern Star in which he held many offices and was a Past Patron.

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Survivors include his widow three daughters, Mrs. George (Marjorie) Cliff, Aberdeen; Mrs. Eugene (Virginia) Abeln, Groton; and Mrs. Lyle (Jean) Ives, Spokane, Wash.; eight grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Graham, Lewiston, Idaho; and Mrs. Lottie Reid, Madison, Wis.

The Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

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