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## Funeral Services For D. H. Ragels Held on Sun.

The many friends and relatives of Delbert H. Ragels were saddened when they heard of his death at the hospital in Webster on Thursday of last week, where he had been confined for only a brief time.

Mr. Ragels suffered for several years with an ailment for which medical science could do little, and the manner in which he went on with his daily work and kept up a cheerful spirit was a constant source of inspiration to his family and friends and was indicative of his trust in an All-wise and Loving Father.

Delbert H. Ragels, son of Thomas and Mattie Ragels, was born in Richland Center, Wis., on January 18, 1874.

He came to South Dakota with his parents in 1887 and settled on a farm near Verdon, living in that vicinity for fifty-six years, where he was active in all work for the up-building of the community.

He was married to Ethel Feller on January 1, 1903. Three sons one daughter were born to them, namely: Chester of Randolph; Lester of Crandall; Clifford of Ipswich, and Gelie (Mrs. James Lovelace) of Doland.

In early life he united with the Evangelical church, but on moving to Groton, four years ago, he joined the Methodist church.

Funeral services for Mr. Ragels were held at the Methodist church in Groton, Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. H. W. Atkinson officiating. Mrs. Robert Wegner was at the organ and accompanied Mrs. Harlowe Feller and Mrs. James Murray when they sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock of Ages."

Pallbearers were the three sons, Chester, Lester and Clifford, son-in-law, James Lovelace, and two grandsons, Arden and Vance Ragels.

Burial was in the Scotland cemetery. The esteem in which the departed one was held, was evidenced by the large crowd that gathered for the services and by the beautiful floral and memorial offerings.