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Donald J. Reis, 71

The funeral for Donald J. Ries, 71, Groton, was held Saturday, Nov. 12, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Groton, with the Rev. Marvin McPhee officiating. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

He died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1994, at St. Luke's Midland Regional Medical Center, Aberdeen.

Donald John Ries was born March 7, 1923, to John and Elizabeth (Roberts) Ries, Andover. He grew up in the Andover area and attended grade school and high school there. he served in the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II. He served in the European/African/Middle Eastern Theatre in Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. After he was discharged from the service, he moved to Groton.

He married Fern Betty on April 12, 1947 in Groton. They made their home in Groton where he started Ries Construction. he worked as a carpenter in the Groton area for more than 40 years.

He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Groton, and the Groton American Legion.

Survivors include his wife of Groton; two sons, Larry Ries, Bushnell, Fla.; and Randy Ries, Rapid City; a daughter, Mrs. Greg (Patricia) Lemburg, Shelton, Neb.; three brothers, Clarence Ries, South Shore; Robert Ries, Watertown; and Harold Ries, Waseca, Minn.; a sister, EleaNora Ries, Watertown; and two granddaughters, Melissa and Amber Lemburg, Shelton, Neb.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a granddaughter.

Casketbearers were Glenn Cooper, Richard Seurer, Wally Fischer, David McGannon, Anton Goldade and Jerry Locke.

Matt Hinds was the organist, Neill Lund was the soloist and the ushers were Jack McKiver and Gene Abeln.