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Otho A. Rix, 87

Otho A. Rix, 87, Groton, died at Americana Health Care Center, Aberdeen, December 21, 1990.

The funeral was held at First Presbyterian Church, Groton, Sunday, with the Rev. Richard Geiger officiating. Burial was at the Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel. There was a prayer service at the funeral chapel with Masonic Rites, Saturday.

Rix was born May 11, 1903 at Groton to William A. and Grace Robinson Rix. He grew up in the Groton area and graduated from Groton High School in 1921. He married Doris Preston at Groton May 8, 1926. They farmed and he also worked for the South Dakota Highway Department buying the Right of Way for highways from 1960 to 1963. He drove a school bus from 163 to 1968. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Groton, a trustee and elder of the church, a member of the Groton Masonic Lodge and held several terms as the Master of the lodge. He was member of the Order of Eastern Star, Groton. He was elected mayor of Groton in 1956 and 1970.

Doris, his first wife, died in 1978. He married Lorraine Hosley at Aberdeen April 30, 1986.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, Groton; one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Sally Hallstrom, Mina; one stepson, David Hosley, Bel Air, Md.; and one stepdaughter, Mrs. Denton Gaylene Haber, Sioux Falls; four brothers, Art Rix, Floyd Rix and Arden Rix, all of Groton; and Bryan Rix, Fresno, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Jesse Sherman, Rapid City, Mrs. Charles Ruth Ingham, Aberdeen; one grandchild and six step-grandchildren.

He was proceeded into death by his parents, his first wife, three brothers and one sister.

The ushers were John Clark, and Jon Anderson, both of Groton. Casketbearers were Merle Hanson, Robert Johnson, Robert Knickrehm, Wayne Quiggle and Clarence Von Wald, Groton; Earl Lowary, Claremont; and Larry Wheeting, Aberdeen. The organist was Marilyn Gibbs. Lee Schinkel sang, "How Great Thou Art," and the congregation sang, "The Old Rugged Cross."