

June 5, 1974

Earl Saunders

Services for Earl M. Saunders, 75, were held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 31, at St. John's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fr. Marvin McPhee officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Rosary was recited Thursday evening at the Paetznick-Gariness Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Saunders died May 28 at St. Luke's Hospital.

Miss Sandra Schuring was organist.

Honorary pallbearers were O. H. Christian, Roy Erickson, Lloyd Face, Gordon Gerharter, Carl Hafnor, Ben Jark, Kenneth Jark, K. C. Neill, August Radke, William Rossow and Alex Schley. Active pallbearers were Lynn Erdmann, Richard Francoli, Lloyd Jark, C.S. Kramer, Clarence McNeil and Duane Reinhardt.

Mr. Saunders was born June 29, 1898, in Garden Prairie Township, Brown County, and was married to Mary Reilly at Watertown, September 27, 1924. He graduated from Groton High School in 1916 and then attended South Dakota State University at Brookings. Mr. Saunders was the first Stratford High School basketball coach and was a postal clerk at Stratford until December 16, 1971. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Tom, Minneapolis and James, Aberdeen; one daughter, Mrs. Jim (Margaret) Bertsch, Watertown; 15 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Phyllis Theisen, Minneapolis; and one brother, Gen. LaVerne Saunders, Aberdeen.

He was preceded in death by one infant son.