

Lois Schinkel

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The memorial service for Lois Schinkel, 89, of Des Moines, Iowa, and formerly of Groton, was held Monday in Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. The Rev. Gerald Rife officiated. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, July 1, 1998, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Lois Swenson was born August 13, 1908, to Axel and Tena (Wilberts) Swenson in Claremont. She grew up in the Claremont area and graduated from Claremont High School. She attended Northern Normal and Industrial School. She taught in rural schools.

She married Lloyd Schinkel on Sept 23, 1935, in Aberdeen. They made their home in Austin, Minn. She taught in the Austin School System. In the early 1940's they returned to the Groton area where they made their home. After she raised her family she returned to Northern State Teachers College and received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She continued to teach in communities in the Groton area. She taught for about 35 years. She and her husband ran the State Theatre for several years. She lived in the Groton-Claremont area all of her life until the last three years, when she lived in Des Moines.

She was a member of the South Dakota Education Association and served on the Curriculum Board, was a member of the National Education Association, was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Groton, was a deacon and was a member of the Presbyterian Women, was a member of the Diana Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and had served as an officer. She was a member of the Delphian Club and was an original member of the G.S. Bridge Club and Friday Night Bridge Club both in Groton.

Survivors include two sons, Lee Schinkel of Aberdeen, and Lynn Schinkel of Des Moines; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one sister.

Marie Sternhagen was the organist. Janis Mathieu and Lee Schinkel sang a duet at the memorial service.