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Rev. Schornack Dies At 71; Served At Chester 46 Years

Rev. Paul Schornack, 71, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, Chester, S. D., for 46 years, died Friday night in Madison Community hospital after a lingering illness.

Rev. Mr. Schornack was born and graduated from Groton high school, Concordia college, St. Paul, Minn., and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

He was ordained July 19, 1914, and married Dena Zimmerman, Sept. 2, 1914, in Chicago.

During the 46 years of service at St. John's Rev. Schornack officiated at 301 baptisms, 74 marriages and 85 funeral services. He confirmed 319 persons. A special recognition event was held on the 45th anniversary of his ministry in Chester.

Survivors include the widow; a daughter, Mrs. Elmer Habegar (Marian), Madison; two sons, Rev. Arthur Schornack, Palmdale, Calif., and Herbert, at home; a brother, John Schornack, Groton, a sister, Mrs. Esther Israel, Groton, and five grandsons.

The funeral was at 2:30 p. m., Tuesday, Sept. 27, in St. John's Lutheran church, Chester. Rev. Phillip Miller, Huron, officiated, assisted by Rev. Willard Koch, Wentworth. Burial was in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Those attending the last rites from Groton were: Mrs. Esther Israel, Mr. and Mrs. John Schornack, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schornack, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Craig, Mrs. Dorothy Liebel and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Olson; also Mr. and Mrs. Schornack of Aberdeen.