

## John Shannon

Services for John Shannon, 86, retired Groton area farmer were held Saturday, Dec. 29, at St. John's Lutheran church with the Rev. Monte Gusewelle officiating.

Mrs. Eugene Neuman was the organist and the congregation sang "The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done" and "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Burial was in the Conde Cemetery. The Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Honorary casket bearers were George Bartell, Ben Cowan, Lawrence Fadness, John Gusenius, Clifford Morehouse and Fred Wattier.

Active casket bearers were Danny Leonhardt, Ralph Raethke, Roger Raethke, Myron Sattler, Jeff Shannon and John Stewart.

Mr. Shannon died Monday, Dec. 24, at Dakota Midland Hospital in Aberdeen.

He was born June 18, 1893, at Pierpont. At the age of three he moved with his family to Crandall. He grew up there and married Mary Hutchinson, March 18, 1929, at Aberdeen. She died in 1947. He then married Dora Meyer Nov. 3, 1951. She died in 1953. He continued to live at Crandall until 1961 when he retired from farming and moved to Missoula, Mont. He married Beatrice Hall June 15, 1968. The couple lived at Missoula until 1978 when he became ill and returned to live with his daughter. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the Arvid Milbeck American Legion Post No. 23 of Bristol.

Survivors include his widow, two daughters, Mrs. George (Dolores) Leonhardt, of Groton; and Mrs. Arnold (Betty) Rageth, of Pepin, Wis.; five stepsons, Jack D. Meyer, Jr., Earl Hall, Merle Hall, Bill Hall and Bob Hall; 14 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first two wives, two sons, two sisters, one brother and one grandson.