

January 9, 1974

Vern A. Sieber

Services for Vern A. Sieber, 54, Columbia mayor, were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia with the Rev. John Brunner officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens at Aberdeen with military rites conducted by the Roy L. Hall American Legion Post 58 of Columbia.

Vern August Sieber was born on August 26, 1913, at Columbia. He was a graduate of Central High School in Aberdeen. He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps at Sand Lake from 1937 until 1940 when he joined the Army, first in the Calvary and then the Quartermaster Corps, serving in Germany. He returned to Columbia in 1945 where he farmed with his brother. He married Bette Ernst on February 7, 1948, at Columbia. He attended the School of Science at Wahpeton, N.D., in 1962 and then returned to Columbia where he was in partnership with Kimball Electric. In December, 1973, he started his own business, Vern's Plumbing.

He was a member of the Columbia town council and served as mayor since 1964. He was a past commander of the Columbia American Legion Post, and a member of the 40 et 8 at Aberdeen and the South Dakota Plumbing and Heating Association. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his widow; four sons, Robert W. of Columbia, Blaine A., SDSU, Brookings, Bryan D. of Presentation College in Aberdeen, and Barry L., at home; two daughters, Marsha, at home, and Mrs. Randy (Judy) McPherson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; two brothers, Walter W. of Columbia and William of Eureka, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Hilda) Erickson of Powell, Wyo., and Mrs. I.D. (Hattie) Gesling of Aberdeen; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.