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**Rev. Simundson**

The Rev. Olaf M. Simundson, 78, died Friday, June 26, while visiting relatives near Hanska, Minn.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Groton with the Bishop Emeritus E. O. Gilbertson and the Rev. F. Philip Strain officiating. Additional services were held at the Lake Hanska, Minn., Church at 2 p.m., Thursday, with burial in the church cemetery.

Casketbearers were Ray Dunker, John Westby, Dell Dawson, Bennie Benson, Elmer Nerland and George Gilbertson.

The Rev. Simundson was born in Kenyon, Minn., October 31, 1902. He attended grade and high school there and graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., in 1924. He taught at Pleasant View College at Ottawa, Ill., for two years and then entered Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He was ordained in 1929.

Mr. Simundson married Venus Synstebly at Lake Hanska Lutheran Church on June 19, 1929. They served congregations at Laurel, Plentywood and Chinook in Montana; at Plummer, Minn.; Roslyn and lastly in Aberdeen.

He served two years as administrator of the Lutheran Hospital and Homes Society and had served on the board for 38 years. After their retirement in 1967 the Simundsons lived for some time in Sioux Falls and for the past several years had made their home in Groton.

Survivors are his widow; two sons, the Rev. Jon Simundson, Hixton, Wis., and Dr. Dan Simundson, Los Alamos, N.M.; one sister, Marie Powers, Kenyon, Minn.; and six grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one sister and one brother.