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Leo J. Smith

Leo J. Smith, 88, former Groton area farmer, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, at Watertown Memorial Nursing Home.

The funeral was held Saturday, Sept. 6, at the United Methodist Church in Groton with the Rev. John Maines officiating.

Keith Smith sang "How Great Thou Art" and "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by Mrs. Ben Anderson.

Casketbearers were Earl Lowary, Richard Ruden, David Sueltz, Darwin Thompson, Ivan Thompson and Norman Thurston.

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

Mr. Smith was born March 14, 1892, at Elizabeth, Ill. He moved to the Groton area in 1902 and married Maizie Thompson September 5, 1914, at Aberdeen. The couple farmed in the Groton area until 1968 when they moved to Watertown where he had since resided. He had lived at the nursing home there for the past 3 1/2 years.

Survivors include one son, Orval, Watertown; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, three infant daughters, one brother and two sisters.