

January 17, 1957

## Ralph W. Spencer

Funeral services were held at the First English Lutheran church, Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 2:00 p. m., for Ralph Waldo Spencer, with the Rev. Geo. W. Anderson officiating. A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Windh, Mrs. John Gibbs and Maurice Olson, sang three selections, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," "Sleep the Deep Sleep" and "Abide With Me," accompanied by Mrs. H. W. Iverson at the organ. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were Gordon Haug, Aberdeen, H. W. Iverson, Henry Nehls, Russell Wolter, Walter Herron and Richard Dresbach.

Ralph Waldo Spencer was born at Keystone, Iowa, May 24, 1891, son of George and Ella Spencer. Later he came with his parents to Hardin county in South Dakota. He was married to Ella Monson on March 9, 1916, at Buffalo, S. D., where the couple farmed for a number of years, later moving to points in North Dakota and northern Minnesota before coming to Groton in June, 1930, where he resided until his death, caused by a cerebral hemorrhage and complications, at St. Luke's hospital in Aberdeen on Jan. 12, 1957.

To this union seven children were born, five of whom survive, namely, Leonard of Salinas, Calif.; Morris of Groton; Mrs. Glenn Suits (Ruth) of Hartford, Wis.; Mrs. L. F. Speer (Luella) of Rapid City, and Mrs. Curtis Rossow (Elaine) of Bismarck, N. D. Two sons, Glenn and Robert preceded their father in death.

The departed leaves to mourn his passing, besides his wife and five children, three brothers, Thomas of Aberdeen, Elmer of St. Cloud, Minn., and John of Yankton; also seven grandchildren.

Mr. Spencer was a kind and loving father and husband. His true Christian faith and honesty gained for him the highest respect and true fellowship of all who formed his acquaintance, and these were many. His departure creates a keen loss to a great number of friends, whom he served so faithfully.

Relatives and friends from out-of-town attending the last rites were: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mirak, Bowman, N. D.; Mrs. H. W. Mirak, Ekalaka, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith and Mr. and Mrs. G. Sterling Smith of Milbank, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swearingen, Harry, Jr., and Alan, Havana, N. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kimball, Houghton; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swearingen, Hecla; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zeller, Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Haug, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Haug, Stephen and Deborah, and Mrs. Paul Kirchgasser, Aberdeen; Leonard Spencer, Salinas, Calif.; Mrs. L. F. Speer, Constance and Elizabeth, Rapid City.