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Otto W. Sperry Passes Away Suddenly Sun.

This community was deeply saddened Sunday, when news spread of the death of Otto Sperry, 63, who passed away suddenly of a heart attack at his home.

Otto Willis Sperry was born October 3, 1888, at Fairfield, Iowa, where he attended school and also business college. At the age of 17 years, he came with his parents to farm in South Dakota. On Dec. 11, 1912, he was united in marriage to Mabel M. Mallett, and to this union two children were born, one passing away in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Sperry retired from the farm in 1949 and made their home in Groton since.

The departed was a member of the Baptist church when a young man and later united with the Presbyterian church of Groton. For many years he had been a very active member of the I. O. O. F., and of the Masonic order, being Junior Warder for the present year. He was also a member of the O. E. S.

Mr. Sperry was a kind and devoted husband, father and grandfather and will be remembered by his many friends for his kind disposition and willingness to assist anyone.

His parents, three brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife; one son, Kermit, Groton; a nephew, George C., of Pierre, who made his home with them since 1934 until his marriage; three brothers, Earl of Groton, Ralph R., of Wedron, Ill., Russell C., of Ottawa, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Irvin (Mae) Gensmer, Minneapolis, Minn., and two grandchildren, Willis and Wanda Rae Sperry.

Funeral services have been tentatively for Thursday at 2:00 p. m., in the Presbyterian church, with the Rev. George Clark officiating. Burial will be in the Groton cemetery.