

Oscar E. Swanson

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Oscar E. Swanson, 98, Groton, died Tuesday, April 29, 1997 at Colonial Manor in Groton.

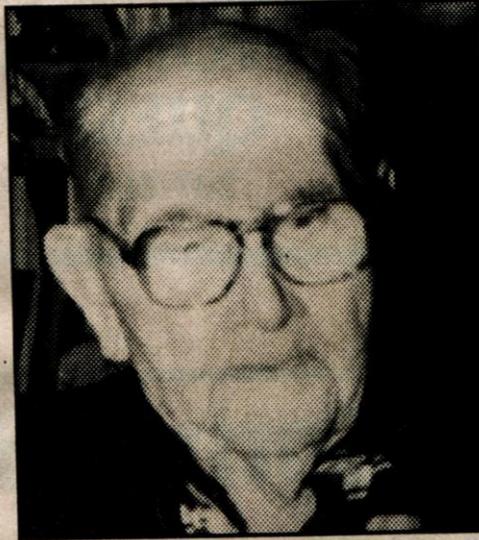
His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in the United Methodist Church in Groton. The Rev. Emil Eberhart will officiate.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Park Cemetery at Dade County, Fla., with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in Groton, in charge of arrangements.

Oscar Edward Swanson was born December 12, 1898, to Emil and Marie (Westby) Swanson in St. Paul, Minn. As a child he moved with his family to Leola, where he attended school and then farmed.

He married Irene M. Johnson on June 18, 1934, in Sisseton. They farmed for a short time, and then he worked for Archer Daniel Midland Co. following the flax harvest. He worked as a flax bailer and hauler. The family lived in various towns in Nebraska and South Dakota as he was transferred with his job. They moved to Groton in 1952. He worked on farms in the Groton area until his retirement in 1962, when he and his wife moved to Miami. She died in 1989. He moved to Groton in August 1992. He became a resident of Colonial Manor in October 1992.

Survivors include four sons, Owen



(Sherry) Swanson, Raleigh, N.C., Gary Swanson, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dennis Swanson, East Point, Fla., and Jim Swanson, Eugene, Ore.; four daughters, Darlene "O'Ryin" Swanson, Sedona, Ariz., Darlys (Mort) Myrick and Donna (James) Mackiewkz, both of Miami, and Betty (Charles) Strom, Groton; 18 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two brothers and two sisters.

Casketbearers will be Chip Swanson, Bernel Swanson, Lowel Swanson, Charles Dale Strom, Ron Bergman and Bruce Telkamp.

Matt Hinds will be the organist and the Rev. Bill Duncan will be the soloist.