

March 7, 1984

Raymond Swanson

Services for Raymond C. Swanson, 80, Groton, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 3, at United Methodist Church, Groton, with the Rev. John Maines officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen. The Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel of Groton was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Swanson died Monday, Feb. 27 at Valley Lutheran Hospital, Mesa, Ariz.

Casket bearers were Kirk Swanson, Richard Paulson, Patrick Rake, James Hinckley, Mark Knecht and Robert Stanley. All of his friends were considered honorary casket bearers. Mrs. Gene Cassels was the organist and Rodney Barnes, soloist, sang "In The Garden" and "How Great Thou Art". The congregation sang "Praise To The Lord". Earl Ruden ushered.

Mr. Swanson was born November 4, 1903 at York, Neb. He moved to the Claremont area as a child and attended school there. He farmed until retiring in 1969. He married Florence Johnson June 10, 1932, at Webster. He had served on the Detroit Township Board and received awards for outstanding conservation practices. He and his wife had resided in Groton since August 1974 and had spent the last several winters in Mesa. He was a former member of the United Methodist Church, Claremont.

Survivors include his widow; one son, LaVerne, Claremont; one daughter, Mrs. William (Marlene) Rake, Plankinton; one brother, Elbert, Claremont; one sister, Mrs. Art (Irene) Lofgren, Phoenix, Ariz.; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.