

May 7, 1998

Darwin D. Thompson

Mass of Christian burial for Darwin D. Thompson, 71, of Groton, was held Monday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton. Monsignor Marvin McPhee officiated. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel of Groton.

Darwin D. Thompson was born February 7, 1927 to Chester "Chet" and Florence (Waggoner) Thompson at Groton. He attended grade school at the Thompson School in rural Groton and attended Groton High School. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945 to serve in World War II. He received his honorable discharge in 1946.

He married Mary Ann Dohman on February 24, 1950 at Andover. They briefly lived in Groton before making their home for 47 years on their present farm. He farmed with his father and brothers, and then with his sons and grandsons.

He was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and served on the church council. He was also a member of the Groton American Legion Post No. 39, the Fraternal Order of the Elks and the Moose Lodge of Aberdeen, the Putney school board, the Groton school board during the reorganization of the school districts, and was past president of the Putney elevator.

He enjoyed woodworking, travelling with his wife and farming with his sons and grandsons.

Survivors include his wife of Groton; two sons, Terry (Judy) Thompson of Groton, and Lon (Jewel) Thompson of McMinnville, Ore.; one daughter, Beth Thompson of St. Cloud, Minn.; three sisters, Audrey Thurston of Groton, Shirley Suelz of Watertown, and Sondra Peckham of Buckley, Wash.; five grandchildren, Jennifer (Bob) Lessinger, Grand Forks, Jackie Thompson, Groton, Mark Thompson, Groton, Joshua Thompson and Lynnsey Thompson, both of McMinnville, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ivan Thompson.

Casketbearers were grandsons: Mark Thompson and Joshua Thompson; and nephews: David Dohman, Duane Dohman, David Reinhardt and James Marx.

The organist was Matt Hinds and the ushers were Gene Abeln, Leo Kersting, Steve Simon and Larry Schelle.

Memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church building fund, 107 E. Seventh Ave., Groton, S.D. 57445.