

May 24, 1978

Bruce Traphagen

Bruce L. Traphagen, 43, Worthington, Minn., and former area resident, died unexpectedly Friday, May 19, at the Worthington Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard A. Ward, and the Rev. David Henry of Medina, N.D., officiating. Burial was at the Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Bruce Traphagen, the son of George L. and Helen Thayer Traphagen, was born at Britton on October 25, 1934. He started school at Britton and graduated from Claremont High School. He earned his bachelor of science degree at Ellendale State College and his masters degree from SDSU, Brookings. He was married to Esther Schott at McLaughlin on June 17, 1954. He taught in North and South Dakota until 1963, when he moved to Renville, Minn., and later, moved to Worthington where he was the Dean of Students at Worthington Junior College at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Esther Traphagen, two sons, Michael Traphagen, St. Cloud, Minn., and Mitchell Traphagen, at home; two daughters, Pamela Traphagen, Mankato, Minn., and Paula Traphagen, Minneapolis; his father George L. Traphagen, Britton; three brothers, Robert Traphagen and Kenneth Traphagen, both of Aberdeen, Glenn Traphagen, San Francisco, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy McLaughlin, Britton, Mrs. Carol Wayne, Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. Jim (Ruth) Gleason, Santa Clara, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his mother and two sisters.

Casket bearers were Bill James and Donald Knecht, Houghton; Lincoln Gibbs, Richard Anderson and Warren Pierson, all of Claremont; and Jack Kolbo, Pierre.