

Rusty Tullis

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Roland (Rusty) Tullis, 60, of Groton, died of natural causes on Sunday, October 4, 1998 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital at Aberdeen. His funeral was October 7 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton. Burial was in Groton Union Cemetery with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Roland Ralph Tullis was born June 27, 1938 to Albert and Lillian (Hoops) Tullis on his grandparents farm near Ferney. He attended rural schools at the Joan of Ark School in Henry Township and graduated from Groton High School in 1956. After high school he attended Northern State University in Aberdeen and also worked for South Dakota Wheat Growers at Bath. He married Sandra Neff on June 18, 1961. He was drafted into the United States Army and served in Germany. After his discharge he returned to Groton and worked at the Ferney Farmers Elevator and also drove school bus for the Groton School. He was engaged in farming with his brothers for a time and at the present time was employed by Dependable Sanitation of Aberdeen.

Rusty loved to tinker with old cars, read and spend time with his grandchildren. He was the yardage football marker for the Groton football team for over 20 years. He received a certificate from the South Dakota State Ath-

letic Association for his dedication. Anyone he met soon became his friend and he will be missed by all of them.

He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Groton and he was a member of the first Groton Rescue Squad and served until his health failed.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra, of Groton; two sons, Kevin (Lana) Tullis, of Lee's Summit, Mo., and Kerry Tullis of Aberdeen; three daughters, Kristine Tullis, Groton, Kimberly (Ben) Yarborough, Washougal, Wash., and Mollie Tullis, Brookings; his mother, Lillian Tullis, Groton, two brothers, Delwin Tullis, Groton, and Gregory (Nancy) Tullis, Moorhead, one sister, Janet (Edward) Neff of Claremont; two grandsons and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Active casketbearers were David Anderson, Trent Anderson, Mike Erickson, Dennis A. Larson, Bert Martin and Mike Schmitz.

Honorary pallbearers were the members of the Groton Rescue Squad.

Military graveside rites were by the Groton Legion Post #39.

Arlis Doeden was the organist.

Alfred Tastad and Douglas Hamilton were the ushers.