# James (Bill) Walton, 82

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James (Bill) Walton, 82, Britton, formerly of Aberdeen, died Friday, March 5 at Britton Memorial Hospital. His funeral was held Monday, March 8 at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, with the Rev. Bill Duncan officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery.

James Walton was born October 28, 1910 to Harry and Veda (Benedict) Walton at Midland, S.D. He graduated from Deadwood High School and received his Bachelor and Masters degrees from Chadron State Teachers College, Chadron, Neb. He married Mary Owens, August 6, 1944 at Gordon, Neb. He first taught school in Nebraska and then moved to South Dakota, where he taught at The Ellsworth Air Force Base for 13 years. He taught and served as superintendent at many other schools throughout the state. He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Edgemont Lions Club, and a past member of South Dakota Education Association and National Education Association. He served as chairman of the Science Committee of SDEA. He was active in the Black Hills Association for Retarded Children. He retired from teaching in 1981, and resided in Aberdeen since 1987. He has been a resident of Marshall Manor since September 1992.

He is survived by one son Jim Walton, Hecla; two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Judie) Kimball, Claremont, and Mrs. Dan (Jane) Riedl, Britton; one sister, Mrs. Vesta Baggaley, Marshall Manor, Britton; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The casketbearers were his grandchildren, Douglas Svatos, Danielle Riedl Jr., Duncan Riedl and Thomas Feser.

Organist was Joan Thompson and soloist was Douglas Svatos.