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**HAROLD WATTIER AND CHARLES
SOMBKE PASS INTO BEYOND
IN LAST WEEK**

After suffering from tuberculosis for the past year or more, Harold, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wattier, passed peacefully into the Great Beyond last Wednesday night, ending a valiant and gallant fight he had made against the dread disease, part of which was waged in Custer sanitarium where he was taken some time ago, and the remainder at the home of his parents.

Harold was a Groton product, a joy to his parents and an exemplary figure among his classmates, whom he left about a year ago to begin his battle against the inevitable at Custer. But despite a hopeful, confident fight the manly little fellow was unable to overcome his affliction and he passed away as he had lived—loved and admired by everyone.

Harold was born in Groton, April 16, 1921, and would have been a senior this year had health permitted him to pursue his studies.

His survivors are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wattier and a younger sister, Margaret Ann, upon whom he lavished unbounded affection, besides a grandmother, Mrs. Krause, in the immediate family. There are hundreds of classmates, friends and relatives who are left to mourn his loss.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from Paetznick's funeral home with Rev. F. E. Wilke preaching the last sad rites. The school was in charge of the musical part of the service, also being represented by honorary and active pall bearers, class officers and the faculty.

The following classmates acted as active pall bearers: Eddie Bulian, Donald McFarlane, Eugene Craig, Dana Craig, Robert Schuelke and Wayne McCullough. The honorary ones: Layana Elliott, Helen Brown, Miss. Mary Stone, Charlotte Van Riper, Hilfred Dressbach and John McCullough.

Music was furnished by three other classmates: The Misses Irene Anderson, Lois Wilson and Lorraine Van Riper.