

Ella Minnie Weihrauch

The funeral for Ella Minnie Weihrauch, 86, of Groton was held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton on Friday, May 8, 1998, with the Rev. Craig Grams officiating. Burial followed at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Columbia, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.

She died May 5, 1998, at Colonial Manor in Groton.

Ella Minnie Krege was born June 24, 1911, to Gustav and Amelia (Podoll) Krege at Columbia. She attended rural elementary school. She graduated from Columbia High School in 1929. She attended Northern Normal and Industrial School and taught at a rural school north of Columbia from 1930 to 1933. She married Albert W. Weihrauch on June 12, 1933 in Columbia. They made their home on a farm near Columbia. When he retired, they moved to Groton in 1967. While living in Groton, she worked for many years in the school

lunch program. She has been a resident of Colonial Manor in Groton since October 1997.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Groton, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Good Cheer Circle. She was a volunteer at Colonial Manor for many years and was a member of the Senior Citizens of Groton.

She loved to play cards.

Survivors include four daughters, Beverly (Erwin) Fossum of Fargo, Carol (Dallas) Sombke, Groton, Norma (Donald) Dennert, Columbia and Joan (James) Raap, York, Neb.; one sister, Esther Christianson, Aberdeen; nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, four grandchildren, one brother and three sisters.

Active casketbearers were Doug Sombke, Dean Sombke, Richard Milbrandt, Gregory Milbrandt, Jesse Raap and Glenn Ringgenberg.

Honorary casketbearers were granddaughters Carol Gardner, Sharolyn Jondahl, Cathy Gjevre and Marcy Milbrandt.

Alvera Neuman was the organist and Cherry Luitjens was the soloist.