

APRIL 12, 1978

Willis Weismantel

Funeral services for Willis L. Weismantel, 52, rural Columbia, were held Sunday afternoon, April 16, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Columbia with the Rev. Raymond A. Glese of Aberdeen officiating.

Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Huebl Funeral Chapel of Aberdeen in charge of arrangements.

Organist was Mrs. Arthur Yeske, and soloist was Dave Suelz. Ushers were Allen Jasmer, Dwight Buntrock and Gerald Bretsch.

Casket bearers were Oscar Fenner, Milbank; Clarence Baule, Andover; Pete Ochsner, Faulkton; Herb Huser, Fredonia, Kan.; and Jerome Hochhalter and Francis Larson, Columbia.

Mr. Weismantel died as the result of injuries sustained in a pick-up accident on the bridge on Brown County Highway 16 just south of Columbia Thursday afternoon.

Willis Lavern Weismantel, son of William and Ida Schliebe Weismantel, was born near Columbia on March 6, 1926. He attended Podoll School and graduated from Columbia High School in 1944. He was married to Arlene Kruse at Columbia on October 15, 1948, and they continued living on his farm south of Columbia, and where he was still residing at the time of his death.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Columbia where he served as a member of the finance board, the cemetery board and the church choir. He was also a past member of the parish school board.

Survivors include his widow; his mother, Mrs. Ida Weismantel, Aberdeen; four sons, Arlen of Redfield, Cecil of Columbia, Gary of Willow Lake and Larry, also of Columbia; three daughters, Mrs. Claire (Linda) Baule of Wayzata, Minn., Joy of Rochester, Minn., Mrs. Lester (Jolene) Halsey of Copperas Cove, Tex.; three brothers, Harold of Bath, Lavern of Aberdeen, Martin of Columbia; and nine sisters, Mrs. David (Mildred) James of Bath, Mrs. Clyde (Elnora) Haas of Artesia, Calif., Mrs. Greg (Lorraine) Krogman of Barnard, Mrs. Walt (Wilma) Buntrock of Columbia, Mrs. Harry (Doris) Cotton of Richmond, Ky., Mrs. Larry (Arlene) Spencer of Lewiston, Idaho, and Mrs. Connie (Ethel) Bakken, Mrs. G.B. (Evelyn) Holdhusen and Mrs. Harry (Fern) Preston, all of Aberdeen.

He was preceded in death by his father, one brother and one sister.