

## Casey Witlock

Casey Witlock, 76, Groton, died Friday, March 24, 2000, at Beverly Healthcare in Groton. Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton, with the Rev. David Janes and Msgr. Marvin McPhee officiating. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Cornelius "Casey" Witlock was born on August 20, 1923, to John and Louise (Schuh) Witlock, in Java, S.D. He was raised in the Java area and attended Java School. On September 2, 1954, he married Evelyn Kleinemas in Hove. Casey worked in telephone service for many years. He worked for James Valley Cooperative Telephone from 1955 to 1985, as plant superintendent. Following his retirement, he helped several farmers in the area.



Casey was an avid card player. He and Evelyn enjoyed attending basketball and baseball games in the community. Casey was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Groton.

Survivors are his wife, one son, Jody, of Groton; a daughter, LuAnn (Jeff) Steen, Britton; two sisters, Helen Nies, Warner; and Ann (Harold) Schrater, Java; a sister-in-law, Anne Witlock, Java; and twin grandchildren Jennifer and Jordan Steen. He is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother.

Casketbearers were Steve Dunker, Ben Schaller, Orville Schaller, Carlyle Mortenson, Carroll Clocksene and Richard Oliver. Jean Olson was the lector. Matt Hinds was the organist. Cassie Ackman was the soloist, singing, "You'll Never Walk Alone." The congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "Here I Am Lord." Eugene Abeln and Don Hoops were the ushers.