

June 10, 2009

The Life of Richard Zoellner

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- Richard died June 6, 2009 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen.
- Richard John Zoellner was born in Groton on March 4, 1925 to Otto and Christina (Von Wald) Zoellner. He was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church of Groton. Following school, Richard worked with his dad on the family farm. On September 12, 1949 he united in marriage with Doris Strom at the Groton United Methodist Church and together they farmed for many years.
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