

## Homer Cutler, 98

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Homer Cutler, 98, Claremont, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 1994 at St. Luke's Midland Regional Medical Center, Aberdeen.

His funeral was held Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1994 at the United Methodist Church, Claremont, with the Rev. James Cissell officiating. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.

Homer Cutler was born October 4, 1895 to William and Eva (Platte) Cutler on the Cutler homestead near Claremont. He grew up in the Claremont area



and attended rural schools. His formal education included attending agricultural school in Brookings during the winter months.

He married Grace Snyder, June 27, 1921 at Pierre. They farmed in the Claremont area. He was a noted environmentalist and conservationist. He planted 80 acres of trees that included an apple orchard and a walnut grove along with shelter belts. He worked with the International Crop Council planting and developing experimental seeds. He received recognition from MasterCard and the American Forest Association as a finalist in the state for growing and nurturing trees and forest. Locally he was well-known for his apples and was an avid gardener.

Survivors include five sons, Dean Cutler, Wayne Cutler, Kay Cutler and Val Cutler, all of Claremont, and Gary Cutler, Mina Lake; one daughter, Mrs. Lorelii Odland, Brookings; 25 grandchildren; 54 great grandchildren; and one great great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, three brothers and four sisters.

Honorary casketbearers were his granddaughters. Casketbearers were his grandsons, Tim Cutler, Larry Cutler, Robert Cutler, Donn Cutler, James Cutler, David Cutler, Thomas Cutler, Larry Cutler, Terry Cutler, Rick Odland, Dirk Odland, Garth Odland, Gregory Cutler and Tanner Cutler.

Organist was Joan Thompson and pianist was Yvonne Gibbs. Ushers were Roger Schuller, Charles Berg, Sherman Cutler and Mike Cutler.