

December 30, 1948

William Hopfner

William Hopfner passed away in Akron, Ohio, Dec. 21, at the age of 82 years, three months and fifteen days. He had been in poor health for some time and failed rapidly during the last month.

Mr. Hopfner was born in Oconomowac, Wis., on Sept. 6, 1866. He came to South Dakota and in 1896 married Miss Mary Eske. They farmed near Verdon until 1917, when they retired and moved to Groton.

In 1947 he and his wife went to Akron, Ohio, to make their home with their nieces, Mabel Hopfner and Margaret Luke.

Mr. Hopfner, better known as Uncle Bill, never had any children of his own, but during his life-time accumulated a vast group of nieces and nephews, who loved him for his kindly interest and friendly nature. Before he moved away from Groton he was a familiar figure on Main street, where he loved to pass the time of day with his friends and they, in turn, were entertained by his ready wit.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mary, nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, in St. John's Lutheran church, with the Rev. J. E. Schwarting officiating. Mrs. Milton Thieman sang two solos, "Rock of Ages," and "Teach Me to Pray." Mrs. A. J. Schuelke presided at the organ. Interment was in the Groton union cemetery.