

## Bernice Messing, 84

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Mrs. Elmer (Bernice) Messing, 84, Groton, died at Colonial Manor, Groton, December 31, 1991.

The funeral was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Groton, 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3, 1992, with Rev. Albert Cizewski officiating. Burial was in the Groton Catholic Cemetery. There was a scriptural wake service at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Thursday evening, with Deacon Harold Pardew officiating.

Bernice Spratt was born December 2, 1907 at Prior Lake, Minn. to Otis and Ada (Tessier) Spratt. As a child she came with her family to James S.D. from Minnesota. The family later moved to Groton.

She graduated from Groton High School, and attended St. Catherines College, St. Paul, Minn. She graduated from Northern Normal and Industrial College, Aberdeen. She taught in rural schools in the Groton area for seven years. She married Elmer Messing at Groton October 3, 1935. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Groton, and a member of the Altar Society. She and her husband farmed in the Groton area and later moved to Groton, when they retired. She has lived in the Colonial Manor since May 1990.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer, Groton; two sons, Merle Messing, Stoystown, Penn., and Gregory Messing, Anoka, Minn.; one brother Sam Spratt, Seattle, Wash.; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.

The casketbearers were Alvin Abeln, George Alberts, Robert Pray Sr., Ben Schaller, John Sieh and Lyle VonWa'd.

Organist was Marlyce Cassels and soloist was Lee Schinkel. Jack Walters was usher.