

Louise Mielke, 84

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Mrs. Harvey (Louise) Mielke, 84, Groton, died at the Colonial Manor, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1992.

The funeral was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, Monday, with the Rev. John Werner officiating.

Burial was held in the Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. There was a prayer service Sunday at the chapel.

Louise M. Raap was born September 20, 1907, in Pierpont to Henry and Anna Henning Raap. She grew up in the Pierpont and Webster area and graduated from Montrose High School in 1925. She started teaching in rural schools around Pierpont in the fall of 1925. She received her one-year teaching certificate in 1930 from Northern Teachers College. She moved to Montrose and taught there from 1935 until she married Harvey Mielke in Montrose August 6, 1939. They moved to Groton and lived there until 1943. They moved to Sioux Falls and lived there for two years before returning to Groton. She taught at Riverside in 1952 and at Putney in 1953. She taught for 20 years in the Groton Elementary School. While teaching, she received her Bachelor of Science degree from Northern State College in 1964.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton, the Missionary Circle, the South Dakota Education Association, the National Education Association, and the 20th Century Club, Groton.

She is survived by her husband, Harvey, Groton; one son, Ronald Mielke, Sioux Falls; one daughter, Mrs. William (Jane) Hauck, Sioux Falls; two brothers, Arthur Raap, Pierpont, and Alfred Raap, Montrose; two sisters, Alvena Raabe, Montrose, and Rosalie Acheson, Montrose; and one grandson, Steven Mielke, Sioux Falls.

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

Alvera Neuman was the organist. The congregation sang, "Beautiful Savior," "What a Friend we have in Jesus," "I'm Trusting in Thee, Lord Jesus," "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "How Great Thou Art."

Casketbearers were Larry Acheson, Richard Raabe, Charles Raap, Kenneth Raap, Robert Raap and Vern Raap.

Orville Schaller and Eugene Neuman were the ushers.