

March 2, 1983

## Chester Ragels

Funeral services for Chester Ragels, 79, Groton, were Tuesday, March 1, at the United Methodist Church in Groton. He died Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Day County Memorial Hospital in Webster.

The Rev. John Maines officiated and burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery under the direction of the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home.

Active casket bearers, all grandsons, were John Schinkel, Jerry Schinkel, Tom Schinkel, Jim Schinkel, Danny Schinkel and Doug Schinkel. Honorary casket bearers were Dale Cavanaugh, Bristol; Richard Nehls, Pierpont; Maurice Nehls, Langford; Marvin May and Herb Falk, both of Groton; Wayne Neiger, Mansfield; and Elmer Tjelle, Webster.

Mrs. Gene Cassels was organist. The congregation sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Faith Of Our Fathers".

Chester Ragels was born October 15, 1903, in Brown County and attended country school and took high school courses at Northern Normal in Aberdeen. He married Grace Malloy in Aberdeen October 1, 1928. The couple farmed in southern Brown and in Spink Counties until the spring of 1949 when they moved into Groton. He worked for the city telephone company until 1965. He was a member of the Groton United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his widow; two sons, Dick and Larry, both of Rapid City; two daughters, Mrs. John (Ramona) Schinkel, Conde; and Mrs. Jack (Joyce) Erickson, Deadwood; 19 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one brother Lester, Conde; and one sister, Mrs. Jim (Gelie) Lovelace, Doland.

He was preceded in death by two sons and one brother.