

March 15, 1973

## Elmer Roelfs Mrs. Roelfs

Joint funeral services for Elmer Roscoe Roelfs Sr., 65, and his wife Ella Mae Roelfs, 45, were held Saturday, March 3, at the United Methodist Church in Claremont. They died in an automobile accident in Kansas February 27. Also killed in the accident was Mrs. John Buss, mother of Mrs. Roelfs.

The Rev. David Workman and the Rev. Simon Ter Louw officiated and burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Aberdeen.

Mr. Roelfs was born Jan. 31, 1908, in Sibley, Iowa, and came to Claremont in 1931. He worked as a farm laborer for several years before going to farming himself.

Mrs. Roelfs was born Aug. 20, 1927, in Britton.

The couple was married July 14, 1945, at Britton and farmed in the Claremont area until their deaths. They were members of the United Methodist Church of Claremont and the Order of Eastern Star where both held offices. Mr. Roelfs was master of the Cement Masonic Lodge at the time of his death.

They are survived by three daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Patsy) Schwarz, Bieglow, Minn., Mrs. Roy (Ella Mae) Musselman and Judy Rae, both of Aberdeen; one son, Elmer Jr., Claremont; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Roelfs is also survived by two brothers and three sisters.

Mrs. Roelfs is also survived by her father, John T. Buss, Amherst; one brother; and two sisters.

Mr. Roelfs was preceded in death by two brothers and his parents.