

October 7, 1971

Mrs. Oscar Ruden

Clara Louise

Services were held for Mrs. Oscar (Lil) Ruden, 88, on Monday, Oct. 4, in the Groton United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Mrs. Ruden passed away suddenly at her home Oct. 1.

The Rev. Larry Moore officiated at the services, and the Rev. K.O. Brekke of Wessington Springs sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Take My Hand." Mrs. Kenneth Alberts was organist.

Honorary pallbearers were Algot Johnson, Joe Johnson, Vance Miller, Charles Pray, Foster Rix, Delmar Sanborn, Wendel Schoppe, Floyd Trask and Henry Wehrauch. Active pallbearers were William Heitmann, Delbert Leonhardt, Herman Nilsson, Floyd Pray, Howard Schornack and Lyle Thurston. Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements and burial was in Groton Union Cemetery. Putney Ladies Aid served a noon luncheon to about 100 relatives and friends.

Clara Louise Thielke was born May 22, 1883, near Watertown, Wis., and attended school there and Aberdeen Business College. She was a postal employee at Parkston, S.D., and a secretary for Hart-Parr Co. at Aberdeen. On July 6, 1914, she was united in marriage to Oscar E. Ruden at Minneapolis, Minn. To this union three children were born.

They established their first home in Grand Forks, N.D., where Mr. Ruden was employed. In 1918 they moved to a farm at Hettinger, N.D., and in 1922 they moved to the farm at Groton where she has since resided. For the past three and one-half years, Mrs. Alta Olson of Webster has been her companion and housekeeper.

She was a member of the Groton United Methodist Church, Mary Circle, Putney Ladies Aid, the Lucky 13 card club and a life member of WSCS.

Survivors include two sons, Richard and Earl, and a daughter, Mrs. Merrill (Clara) Rix, all of Groton, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1968, one grandchild, seven sisters and two brothers.