

September 21, 1961

George Saunders

George Saunders, 90, died early on Wednesday morning at St. Luke's hospital in Aberdeen. He had been a patient there since June 11, 1960.

Mr. Saunders was born January 3, 1870, at La Port City, Iowa, where family moved to LeMars, Iowa, where they lived for a short time. In 1882 they came to Garden Prairie township near Stratford. Mr. Saunders married Margaret Flaherty in 1896 at Fond du Lac, Wis. She preceded him in death in 1920. In 1922 he married Antionette Wood who passed away in 1936. Following her death Mr. Saunders moved into Stratford and made his home with a son. A farmer most of his life, Mr. Saunders was a member of the Aberdeen Masonic bodies.

Survivors include two sons, Brig. Gen. LaVerne Saunders of Aberdeen and Earl Saunders of Stratford; one daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Thiesen of Minneapolis, Minn., six grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were largely attended and was held at 10:30 a. m., Saturday, at the Gates Funeral Home with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. P. T. Monaghan, P. A. officiating. Burial was in the Groton cemetery.

Soloist was Robert Olson and organist was Mrs. I. E. Marston. Honorary pallbearers were George Stange, Edward Harry, Carl and Fred Krueger, Robert Knickrehm, Raleigh Carmine, William Baggett, Henry Reinhardt, Alex Schley, Wendell Schoppe, John Hall, Art. Robinson, C. L. Parduhn, N. J. Floan, Lloyd Face and William Schuartz.

Active pallbearers were Deno and Marvin Erdmann, George Riggs, Herman Rock, O. H. Christian and Carl Ellingson.