

May 29, 1947

Last Rites Held Thursday For Mrs. Mary Semm, 77

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at St. John's Lutheran church for Mrs. Mary Semm, 77. The Rev. J. E. Schwarting officiated at the last rites. The church choir rendered two beautiful selections.

Pauline Anne Marie Deuschle was born at Wuertenberg, Germany, on Oct. 19, 1869. She came to America in 1887, locating temporarily at Springfield, Ohio. Several years later she moved to Arlington, Iowa, where she was united in marriage to August Semm on Dec. 14, 1895. In 1904 they came to South Dakota, locating at Groton. To this happy union five daughters were born namely: Mrs. Matt DeBilzan, Britton; Mrs. Roy Mitchell, Belleville, Mich.; Mrs. Henry Reinhardt, Verdon; Mrs. Herman Schinkel, Stratford, and Mrs. Adolph Horn, who preceded her parents in death. Mr. Semm passed away a number of years ago.

For the past two years Mrs. Semm made her home with her daughters, Mrs. Schinkel, Mrs. DeBilzan and Mrs. Mitchell. She returned to Groton, May 11th and was taken to the Aberdeen hospital on May 16, where death came to her on May 19th.

Mrs. Semm was a quiet character, long well liked by all who knew her. Left to mourn the loss of the highly esteemed lady are her four daughters, ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Out-of-town relatives attending the services included: Mr. and Mrs. Matt DeBilzan, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Horn, of Britton; Mrs. Roy Mitchell, Belleville, Mich.; Mrs. Gordon DeBilzan, Belleville, Mich.; Mrs. Mary Mrs. Frank Dempster and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glass of Arlington, Iowa.