

Gerald R. Snyder, 72

Gerald R. Snyder, 72, Groton died June 6, 2000 at Vencor Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

His Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, June 10, 2000 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic, Groton, with the Father David Janes officiating. Burial was in the St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Conde, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. A wake service was held Friday evening at the funeral chapel.



Gerald R. Snyder was born on Jan. 17, 1928 to Ralph and Madelin (Pritchard) Snyder in Hurley. He moved with his parents to Groton, Leola, Claremont and Conde. He graduated from Claremont High School in 1946. He then attended South Dakota State University in 1946 and 1947. He returned to farm and also raised Registered Black Angus cattle near Conde. He entered the army in February of 1951 and was medically discharged in May of 1951. He returned to the farm after his discharge.

He married Alys Cleveland Aug. 30, 1951 at St. John's Catholic Church, Conde. He semiretired in 1995, when he and Alys moved to Groton.

He belonged to and served on many boards including the Benton Township and Conde school boards, Benton Township, Township ASC, Farmers Elevator, Spink County ASC Committee, American Angus Association, John Deere Two-Cylinder Club, Farm Bureau Board of Directors, 4-H leader, Emergency Medical Technician, American Legion, Olive Grove Golf Association, St. John's Catholic Cemetery Association, St. John's Catholic Church and choir, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and choir.

He was an avid reader, enjoyed playing cards, golf, raising registered Black Angus cattle, gardening, and helping others.

He is survived by his wife; three brothers, Dr. Robert (Carolyn) Snyder, Groton, Donald Snyder, Hot Springs, and Dr. George (Agnes) Snyder, Oronoco, Minn.; 12 nephews and nieces; two in-laws, Dr. Wayne (Anna) Cleveland and Ramona Cleveland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Kathryn Ann, and brother-in-law Dr. Gerald Cleveland.

Casketbearers were Paul Snyder, R. Michael Snyder, Robert Snyder, Douglas Snyder, Gregory Cleveland and Jonathan Cleveland.

Honorary casketbearers were godchildren, Suzanne Grandpre Gross, Cinthia Cleveland Cunningham, Jonathan Cleveland, Carolyn Sieh Barnes, Michelle Miesen Felix, and all friends.