

Kermit Sperry ^{2/20/85}

Funeral services for Kermit Maurice Sperry, 70, Groton, retired farmer, were held Saturday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m. in First Presbyterian Church, Groton, with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Burial was in Groton Union Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements.

A masonic service was held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral chapel.

He died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 1985 at Dakota Midland Hospital, Aberdeen.

Casketbearers were Merle Hanson, Wayne Quiggle, Gerald Rix, Roger Rix, Earl Ruden and Robert Johnson. Honorary casketbearers were all of his friends.

The organist was Marie Sternhagen and a duet Lee Schinkel and Ken Locken sang "In The Garden" and "How Great Thou Art." The ushers were Otho Rix and Jon Anderson.

Kermit Maurice Sperry was born July 12, 1914 at rural Groton to Otto and Mabel Mallett Sperry. He graduated from Groton High School. He farmed near Groton and worked in the National Tea Store in Redfield. He later attended Boeing Aircraft School at Omaha, Neb. From 1941-1943 he worked at Glen L. Martin Aircraft in Baltimore, Md. He married J. Mildred Aaron at Baltimore on April 4, 1942. He had resided in Groton since 1943.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Groton, and was serving as a trustee at the time of his death. He was past master of Groton Lodge No. 65 AF-AM; served as past Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota; was a member of Scottish Rite of Aberdeen; secretary of Order of the High Priesthood; past commander of the Commandery No. 10; was most illustrious Grand Master of the Council of the Cryptic Masons of South Dakota; member of Knights of York Cross of Honor No. 69; past patron of Diana Chapter No. 83 Order of the Eastern Star; past noble Grand of the Britton Lodge No. 113 IOOF; at the present time was serving as Grand Herald of the Grand Lodge of IOOF of South Dakota, and was a member of Excelsior Rebekah Lodge No. 37 of Groton.

Survivors include his widow, Groton; two sons, K. Willis, and Ward C., and one daughter, Mrs. Harold (Wanda) Hiddleson, all of Downingtown, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant brother and one granddaughter.