

# Donald S. Waage, 63

Donald S. Waage, 63, Groton, died Sunday, August 2, 1998 at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Aberdeen. His funeral will be Wednesday, August 5, 1998 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, with the Rev. Steve Swenson officiating.

Burial will be at the Groton Union Cemetery with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, in charge of arrangements. Military graveside rites will be conducted by Groton American Legion Post #39. A Prayer service was held Tuesday evening at the Funeral Chapel.

Donald S. Waage was born Sept. 21, 1934 to Severt and Sadie (Eikanas) Waage, at Britton. He grew up and attended school in Pierpont, graduating from Pierpont High School in 1952. After he was honorably discharged, he returned to work for Northwestern Bell/US West in Aberdeen, Webster, Waubay, Bristol, Roslyn and Pierpont. He retired in 1992, after 39½ years of service.

He married Rose Swenson, Dec. 3, 1960 in New Effington. They made their first home in Aberdeen for seven years. In 1967, they moved to Groton, where they have since resided.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and was active in church and various community organizations. His retirement was filled with his love of farming and being available to help family and friends on their farms. He enjoyed attending auction sales and being fondly known as "The Godfather" of his bowling team.

He is survived by his wife, Groton; two sons, Brad Alan (Brenda) Waage, Groton, and Jay D. (Jonna) Waage, Highmore; one daughter, Crystal Waage, Kearney, Neb.; one sister Ardis (Ralph) Ramsey, Sun City, Ariz.; and four grandchildren, Tanner and Tony waage, Groton, and Jackson and Kasey Waage, Highmore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, and one brother.

Casketbearers will be David Blackmun, Rob Wanous, Marc Hanson, Brad Larson, Rod Kluess, Steve Giedt, Rodney Boehmer, Jack Oliver, Bob Sundling and Dick Oliver.

Organist will be Arlis Doeden, and soloist will be Julie Waage. There will be music by the church choir. Ushers will be Jim Gerdes, Maurice Olson and Gene Brolin.

