

February 8, 1984

Merle Walter

The funeral for Merle R. Walter, 78, Groton, was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, at the United Methodist Church, Groton, with the Rev. John Maines officiating.

Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery. The Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Walter died Tuesday at Mesa, Ariz., Lutheran Hospital.

Casketbearers were Mark Walter, Scott Walter, Merle Walter, Terry Walter, Bob Walter and Donald Koehler. All of his friends were considered honorary casketbearers. Mrs. Gene Cassels was organist and Manley Green sang "In The Garden" and "How Great Thou Art". The congregation sang Hymn 55: "Praise The Lord, The Almighty".

Mr. Walter was born March 28, 1905, at Nelson, Wis. As a small child he came with the family to the Groton area. He married Ethel Henderschott in September 1924. She died in April 1941. He married Alice Mullally at Aberdeen in December, 1941. He farmed north of Groton until 1964 when he moved into town and operated a crop spraying business.

He was a Riverside Township assessor for many years and a member of the American Angus Association and the Elks Lodge of Aberdeen.

Survivors include his widow; three sons, Vernon, Donald and Jack, all of Groton; one brother, Wallace, Omaha, Neb.; one sister, Mrs. Floyd (Lillian) Rix, Groton; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, one son and two sisters.