

## *Leonard Witt, 72*

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Leonard A. (Bud) Witt, 72, Aberdeen, died at St. Luke's Midland Regional Medical Center, Aberdeen, Tuesday, June 22, 1993.

His funeral was held at the United Methodist Church, Aberdeen, Thursday, June 24, 1993, with the Rev. Dave Motta officiating.

Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery, with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements. There were military graveside rites conducted by the Groton American Legion Post #39.

Leonard Witt was born August 1, 1920 at Remsen, Iowa, to August and Henrietta (Harms) Witt. He attended school in Iowa and graduated from Marcus High School, Marcus, Iowa, in 1938. He attended South Dakota State University, Brookings.

He married June Wagener at Remsen, Iowa, April 21, 1943. He served in the United States Air Corps during World War II, serving in the European theater. After his discharge from the service, they moved to Groton, and lived and farmed west of Groton, from 1946 to 1959. He then began a career as a nursing home administrator for Good Samaritan nursing homes for 19 years. He served in several nursing homes in the area, ending his career 1986 at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Howard. They moved to Aberdeen in 1988, residing there since.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, Aberdeen; the Elks Lodge, Aberdeen; and the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society.

He is survived by his wife, June; two daughters, Gayle Witt, Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Ivars (Laura) Lacis, Peachtree City, Ga.; three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Ware, Cherokee, Iowa; Vivian Witt, LaMars, Iowa, and Mrs. Earl (Maybelle) Juhl, Remsen, Iowa; and three grandchildren, Nickolas, Daniel and Mary Lacis.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Steven.

Casketbearers were Leonard Broman, John Kokales, Ivars Lacis, Bob Pray Jr., Bob Pray Sr., Jim Pray, Dick Ruden and Bob Snyder.

Organist was Marilyn Gibbs and the soloist was the Rev. Eldon Reich.