

John Collins, 88 ✓

Aug. 8, 1917 - April 14, 2006

LOGAN — John William Collins was born Aug. 8, 1917, to John William and Mary Elizabeth (Hauschild) Collins in Yorkshire. He grew up in the Persia area and graduated from Persia High School in 1935. He worked with his parents on the family farm before entering the United States Army Sept. 28, 1942. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge as well as other battles in Central Europe. He was honorably discharged Jan. 17, 1946.

John married Phyllis Moats April 24, 1944. The couple farmed in the Persia area until 1960. He then accepted a job with Griffin Pipe in Council Bluffs. The couple moved to Logan in 1985. He was a member of the Christian Church in Logan. He died April 14, 2006, at Westmont Care Center in Logan at age 88 years, eight months, and six days.

John was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Arthur Collins; and two sisters, Irene Collins and Bernice Troll. He is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Phyllis; two children, Kenneth Collins (Nancy) of Shelby, Mary (Paul) Leinen of Harlan; five grandchildren, Joshua Leinen, Jeremy Leinen, Jamie Fritch, Stephanie Harder and Gary Collins; seven great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Memorial graveside services were held in the Shelby Cemetery April 18, 2006, with Rev. Ron Riley from the Logan Christian Church officiating. Fouts Funeral Home in Woodbine in charge of arrangements.

