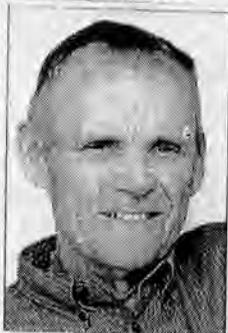


John Jacobsen, 73

July 29, 1933 - Oct. 1, 2006

ELK HORN — John Lawrence Jacobsen was born July 29, 1933, at the home place 3 1/4 miles south of Elk Horn, the son of John and Katherine Jacobsen. He was baptized and confirmed at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1952. He then attended one year of college at Iowa State University.



John married Barbara Larsen at the First Lutheran Church in El Paso, TX May 29, 1954. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1954 and took basic training at Fort Riley, KS and Fort Bliss, TX. He served with the 443rd Army Battalion at Lindsey Air Force Base in Weisbaden, Germany. Barb joined him in October of 1954 where their daughter, Suzanne Renee, was born in June 1955. They arrived home in 1956, and started farming at the home place. Other children born to this union were Joel Brian, Amy Joan, Mark Alan, Deborah Linn and Karen Jean. John was an active member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church where he served on the church council, taught Sunday school and sang in the choir. He was named Master Pork Producer in 1990. He was currently serving on the Salem Lutheran Home Board and was a member of the Elk Horn American Legion Post #322. John and Barb were honored as King and Queen at Tivoli Fest in May 2003. John farmed and raised hogs and cattle in partnership with his son, Mark. He also grew sweet corn as a community project. He died Oct. 1, 2006, at his home at age 73.

John is preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Harvey and Anna Larsen; brother-in-law, James Larsen; and nephew, Brent Larsen. He is survived by his wife, Barbara of 52 years of Elk Horn; six children, Suzanne Van Bockern (Tom) of Sioux Falls, SD, Joel Jacobsen (Karen) of Adel, Amy Cook (John) of Council Bluffs, Mark Jacobsen of Elk Horn, Deb Te Slaa (Loren) of Orange City, and Karen Jacobsen Oakley (Chris) of Thomasville, GA; 14 grandchildren, Andrea, Jeff and Elizabeth Van Bockern; Drew, Molly, Abby and Emma Jacobsen, Katie, Ryan and Jake Cook; Emily, Nick, Sam and Sydney Te Slaa; sister, Priscilla Hansen; sister-in-law, Bev Henningsen (Toby); sister-in-law, Rose Anne Poldberg (Robert); nephews, Jerry, Randy, and Jamie Henningsen; Jordan and Ryan Larsen; Jim and Kent Jordan; nieces, Joni Larsen and Janet Krengel; cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 5, 2006, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Keith Menter officiating. Casket bearers were Joel Jacobsen, Mark Jacobsen, Tom Van Bockern, John Cook, Loren Te Slaa and Chris Oakley. Honorary casket bearers were Douglas Smith, Monte Hoegh, Warren Jacobsen, Galen Sornson, Howard Sorensen, Dale Nelson, James Bieker, Charles Andersen, Toby Henningsen and Cy Petersen. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery.

Hockenberry Family Care in Atlantic in charge of arrangements.