

Wallace "Bud" Backhaus, 79

Dec. 25, 1919 – Oct. 2, 1999

MANILLA – Wallace Ferd, son of Fritz Carl "Fred" and Wilhelminia "Minnie" Dierks Backhaus, was born Dec. 25, 1919, near McLean, in Pierce County, NE. He grew up on the family farm southwest of McLean and graduated from McLean High School. In 1938 Bud moved with his family to a farm near Manilla. He farmed with his father and brother,

Sept. 12, 1943, he married Dolores Stoelk at the Lutheran Church in Manilla. Four children were born to this union. He continued to farm with his father and brother and he and Dolores and their children lived on one of the three houses on the farm. Following the death of his father, Bud purchased the farm, eventually farming with his son, Doug. In 1974, they moved to Denison for four years before returning to Manilla. Even though he was not living on the farm, he spent much of his time there. In 1992, they moved to Arizona to be near their daughter, Barb. Dolores died unexpectedly in 1995 and Bud continued to live in Arizona. In 1998, due to failing health, he became a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home. Bud died there Oct. 2, 1999, at age 79 years, nine months and seven days.

Besides his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Clarence Backhaus. He is survived by four children, Doug Backhaus (Marilyn) of Manilla; Carolyn (James) Humrich of Ballwin, MO; Karen "Kitty" (Randall) Finken of Omaha, NE; and Barbara (Dean) Marks of Mesa, AZ; 12 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; two sisters, Irene (Mike) Klein of Omaha, NE and Vernella Goetzinger of Defiance; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 6, 1999, at the Ohde Funeral Home, Manilla, with Pastor Brian Sherman of the United Church, Manilla, officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery, Manilla. Casket bearers were Todd Backhaus, David Backhaus, Scott Backhaus, Brian Finken, Kevin Finken, Jason Humrich, Steven Marks, Aaron Marks, Daniel Marks, Heather Humrich, Sara Backhaus and Jamie Backhaus.