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## **Gardner "Benny" Benscoter, 80**

*May 26, 1923 - April 9, 2004*

**WESTPHALIA** – Gardner S. "Benny" Benscoter was born May 26, 1923, in Council Bluffs, to Elmer and Tessie (Shelby) Benscoter.

He married Eleanor and she died in 1960.

He married Alice Kmazich June 3, 1962. They had been married for 41 years. He worked for Mortensen Grocery Store in his early years and then delivered bread for Wonder Bread for three years and for Interstate Bakery (Butternut Bread Co.) for 35 years before retiring in May, 1983. He had resided in Irwin, Kimballton, Council Bluffs, and Westphalia over the years. He was a member of the Teamsters Union. He died April 9, 2004, at Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, at age 80.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beulah; a brother, Ora Lee Benscoter; and his first wife, Eleanor Benscoter, in 1960. He is survived by his wife, Alice Benscoter of Westphalia; a son, Danny Benscoter (Sandy) of Detroit Lakes, MN; two grandsons, Brian and Brent Benscoter; and two great-grandchildren, Brennan and Whitney Benscoter.

Funeral services were held April 14, 2004, at the Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in Council Bluffs, with Tom Crowley officiating.