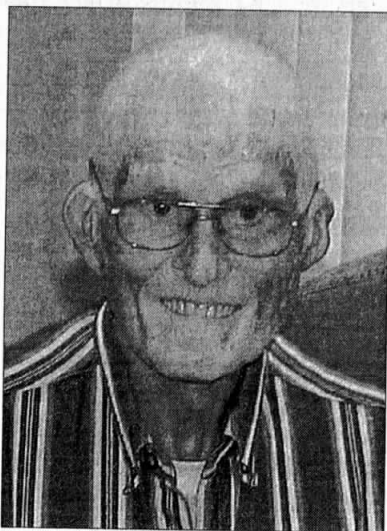


Dean Berndt, 75

May 26, 1933 - Jan. 12, 2009

HARLINGEN, TX — Dean Richard Otto Berndt passed away January 12, 2009 in Harlingen, TX. He was born May 26, 1933 in Easton, MN to Henry and Vera Berndt. Dean grew up in the Easton, MN area and graduated high school from Minnesota Lake, MN. After high school he farmed in rural Easton.



Dean was united in marriage to Marcia Ann Smith of Dent, MN on July 7, 1956. Dean and Marcia then farmed and milked cows in the Browntown and Glencoe area. In 1967 they moved to Easton and later to Alden where Dean worked in grain elevators. In 1970 the family moved to Swea City. In May of 1971 he was injured in a grain explosion at the grain elevator where he worked. After many months, he recovered and moved the family to Harlan, where he found employment at the sale barn and later at the grain elevator. In 1981, the family relocated to Clarinda, where Dean worked at several farm implement dealers. He also worked as a maintenance man at local retirement homes. Dean and Marcia retired in La Feria, TX where they managed the RV Park. They later moved to Harlingen, TX where he continued his handyman hobbies for friends and neighbors in the community. He enjoyed a lifelong interest in farming and had many other hobbies including gardening, woodworking, fishing, cooking, and spending time with grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; brother, Bernard "Bernie" Berndt; and brother-in-law, Harold Woods. He is survived by wife, Marcia Berndt of Harlingen, TX; children Joel (Karla) Berndt of Harlan; Bob (Janine) Berndt of Avoca; Jeff (Julie) Berndt of Mankato, MN; Brad Berndt of Sioux Falls, SD; Jon (Elise) Berndt of Clarinda; Barb (Philip) Ripley of Clarinda; Beth (Ryan) Barr of Flower Mound, TX; sister Norlean Berndt of Easton, MN; sisters-in-law Betty Berndt of Easton, MN and Dorothy Woods of Dent, MN; and 24 grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in Harlingen, TX on January 17. A service for family and friends in the Midwest area is pending.