

## Harold "Jack" Borkowski, 80

*Sept. 16, 1920 - May 10, 2001*

**MANNING** - Harold Ernest "Jack", son of Otto F. and Emma Paulsen Borkowski; was born Sept. 16, 1920, on the family farm in Audubon County near Manning. As a young boy, his family moved to a farm north of Manning. He attended country school near his home. After completing his schooling, he worked for numerous farmers in the Manning area.

June 8, 1942, he married Evelyn Elene Weems at Maryville, MO. Shortly thereafter July 3, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army and served as a truck driver in the Pacific Theatre during World War, II. He returned home Jan. 9, 1946, and he and Evelyn spent the next 27 years farming east of Botna. In 1973, they moved into Manning, and he began working for Puck Implement, retiring in 1985. Evelyn died Oct. 17, 1982.

Oct. 17, 1985, he married Alta Walker at Elk Point, SD. They made their home in Manning. From 1985 to 1994, they spent their winters in Texas. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, participating with the Ceremonial Team. April 6, 2000, he became a resident of the Friendship Home in Audubon, where he died May 10, 2001, at age 80 years, seven months and 24 days.

Besides his parents and first wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Leroy, Clarence and Earl Borkowski; a sister, Mame Rostermundt; and a grandson, Jeff Williams. He is survived by his wife, Alta Borkowski of Manning; seven children, Jackie Borkowski of Iowa Falls; Karen Stueve (Kenneth) of Idaho Falls, ID; Gwenda Basham (Joel) of Exira; Marla Williams of Independence, KS; Kenneth Borkowski of Omaha, NE; Juanette Birk (Frank) of Gridley, KS; Lori Borkowski of Denison; two stepchildren, Westley Walker (JoAnn) of Defiance and Nadine (Marlin) Nielsen of Las Vegas, NV; 11 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two step granddaughters; eight step great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 14, 2001, at the Ohde Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph Boysen, United Methodist Church, Irwin, officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery with graveside military honors provided by the American Legion Emil Ewoldt Post 132 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3517. Honorary casket bearers were Art Kuhn, Kenneth Jensen, Leslie Doyel, Louis Odendahl, Merle Stoelk, Wilmer Ranniger and Clifford Tank. Casket bearers were Darrell Weems, LaVerne Borkowski, Merle Borkowski, Bryan Williams, Gregg Borkowski and Kirk Stueve.