

Eilert "Buck" Buckholdt, 80

Aug. 20, 1924 - Dec. 10, 2004

AUDUBON — Eilert Hans Buckholdt, son of Nels and Hannah (Mortensen) Buckholdt, was born Aug. 20, 1924, on the family farm near Hamlin. He was baptized Oct. 19, 1924, and later confirmed in the Hamlin Lutheran Church. He attended grade school in Hamlin and then graduated from Audubon High School with the class of 1942. Sept. 22, 1943, he was inducted into the U.S. Army where he served in the First Calvary Division which was in the Admiralty Islands where he was with H. Troop, First Calvary. His duty was that of a 3rd gunner on 30 Caliber water cooled machined guns. His decorations and citations were Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Service Arrowhead, and Philippine Liberation Ribbon with two Bronze Stars. After being honorably discharged as a Cpl. Jan. 12, 1946, at Fort Leavenworth, KS, he moved back to Hamlin where he helped on the family farm and then drove a milk truck for Crystal Springs in Kimballton.



Dec. 12, 1960, Buck married Lois Jo Nailor Wiges at the First Presbyterian Church in Audubon. He worked several different places including Wayne's Feed in Audubon, Audubon Super Valu, Emmert Manufacturing in Audubon before taking a job with Audubon County in the maintenance department from April 1973 until Nov. 1, 1997. Eilert moved to the Friendship Home in September of 1999. Lois died Feb. 7, 2000. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Audubon. He died Dec. 10, 2004 at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 80 years, three months and 20 days.

Preceding Ernest in death in addition to his wife were his daughter, Roxie Wiges Ayers; his grandson, Gregory Weisenborn; his parents; his brother, Hans Buckholdt; and his brother-in-law, Herb Christensen. Survivors include his children, his stepdaughter, Frankie (Randy) Christoffersen of Casey; his daughter, Lori (Mike) Weisenborn of Harlan; his grandchildren, Tony Christoffersen, Michael Christoffersen, Kelly Christoffersen, Jenny Knutter, Joshua Weisenborn, Jennifer Weisenborn, Jackie Weisenborn and Ashley Ayers; his great-grandchildren, Hayden Lee Knutter and Loren Knutter; his sister, Betty Christensen of Audubon; his sisters-in-law, Esther Mae (Lester) Williamson of Audubon and Martha Buckholdt of Hamlin; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 14, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church in Audubon, with Pastor Kay E. Steddum officiating. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Audubon, with military graveside rites by the Audubon Post #120, American Legion Audubon, and Dale Christensen Post #4119 VFW, Audubon. Casket bearers were Josh Weisenborn, Michael Christoffersen, Tony Christoffersen, Ron Buckholdt, Rick Buckholdt and Brian Christensen.