

Arnold John Henry Jacobs, 88

July 18, 1908 - Oct. 31, 1996

ATLANTIC - Arnold John Henry Jacobs, son of Henry and Caroline (Paasch) Jacobs, was born July 18, 1908, on a farm three miles north of Walnut. He died Oct. 31, 1996 at his home in Atlantic at age 88. He grew up and attended school in Monroe Township and graduated from Walnut High School in 1926. He helped on the family farm and also worked as a hired hand for the neighbors and other farmers in the area. He liked horses and helped break several to ride and to work in the fields to tend the crops. At age 20 he went to Canada in a Model T Ford to help with the wheat harvest and stayed with his Uncle John Jacobs.

May 15, 1937, he married Mayme Christensen of Audubon, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Des Moines by the Rev. Weertz. They lived with his father until 1939, when they moved to a farm in Cass County for one year then moved to a farm near Marne for four years before purchasing their farm south of Elk Horn. They farmed there for 50 years retiring in Dec. 1994, and moved to Atlantic. To this union two children, Sandra and Steven, were born. He was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, serving on the church board for three years. He served on the Elk Horn-Kimballton Community School Board for 5 1/2 years. In 1962, the Jacobs family was awarded the Shelby County Farm Family of the Week honors. He was a Rorbeck Ramblers 4-H Club leader, a member of the Elk Horn Saddle Club and rode in the grand entry at Ak-Sar-Ben.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Hertha. He is survived by his wife, Mayme of Atlantic; a daughter, Sandra Kristensen (Donald) of Audubon; a son, Steven Jacobs (Joanne) of Marne; one granddaughter, Kari Kristensen of Audubon; six step grandchildren; eight step great grandchildren; a sister, Lillian Carl of Atlantic; sisters-in-law, Myrtle Christensen of Audubon; Emma Christensen of Elk Horn and Winona Christensen of Salem, OR; brother-in-law, Simon Christensen of Audubon and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 2, 1996, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Dick Carl, Lanny Olson, Orlin Johnson, Dean Kristensen, Melvin Andersen, Bob Carl, Frank Wagner, Dale Christensen, Norman Christensen and Larry Rasmussen. Casket bearers were Henry Walter, Lyle Andersen, Marvin Andersen, David Christensen, Clay Kristensen, Gary Lorenzen, Jerald Christensen and Robert Christensen. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.