

Howard G. Michaelsen, 81

Nov. 15, 1914 - June 15, 1996 ✓

PIERSON - Howard G. Michaelsen was born Nov. 15, 1914 in Douglas Township, rural Ida County to August and Ella (Nissen) Michaelsen. He was baptized and confirmed at Salem Lutheran church, rural Correctionville. He received his education in rural school in Ida and Woodbury County and graduated from Pierson High School. He was employed at the Pierson Farmers Co-op Elevator prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Force June 3, 1942.

He married Anna Irene Herbold at Salem Lutheran church, rural Correctionville March 29, 1944. Two daughters were born to this union; Sally Irene and Priscilla Ann. He was honorably discharged in Nov. of 1945 when he returned back to work at the elevator in Pierson. He worked at the elevator for 20 years. In 1966 Howard and C.M. "Pat" Denlinger established the Denlinger-Michaelsen Co-op gas station in Pierson. She died in Aug. of 1968. They operated the station until their retirement in 1977.

He married Rose Marie (Berding) McDermott. She died in June of 1976. He married Helen Schenke in 1978, and after a long illness she died in May of 1985. He died June 15, 1996 at St. Lukes Regional Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church and was a 50 year member of the Harrison-Pederson American Legion Post #291 of Pierson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wives, a brother, Wilbert, and a sister Eveyln Hanson. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally (Ron) Wheatley of Harlan and Priscilla (Marcus) Thraen of Earling; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Lester (Harriett) Michaelsen of Holstein; Merlin (Theresa) Michaelsen of Sioux City and Alvin (Trudy) Michaelsen of Sioux City; a sister-in-law, Corrine Michaelsen-Schmidt of Holstein and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 18, 1996 at the Earnest-Dickison-Michaelson Funeral Home in Kingsley with Rev. Marvin Mueller of the Salem Lutheran Church of rural Correctionville officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood cemetery in Pierson with Military Honors provided by the Harrison-Pederson American Legion Post #291 of Pierson. Honorary-casket bearers were C.M. "Pat" Denlinger and Richard Jaacks. Casket bearers were Ryan Wheatley, Scott Thraen, Andrew Thraen, Mark Michaelsen, Michael Michaelsen, and James Breyfogle.