

Eldon "Mike" Michaelson, 81

May 21, 1929 - July 2, 2010

WALNUT — Eldon Roscoe Michaelson "Mike" was born on May 21, 1929 on a farm near Exira, to Harry and Clara (Bonnson) Michaelson. He was baptized at the Lutheran Church in Atlantic, and attended school in Atlantic, Wiota and Marne.

December 30, 1950, Mike was united in marriage to Jeanette Kirkpatrick in Council Bluffs. A daughter, Deborah, was born to this union. Through the years, Mike worked as a truck driver hauling many different items including eggs, gas, cream, and cattle to name just a few. In between driving truck, he also found time to take on other jobs, like working for the city of Walnut. Mike was always known to keep a pretty clean vehicle and it was



his gravel truck in which he really took great pride and drove for thirty-two years until his retirement in 1995. After retirement, he bought a tractor and pushed snow for the neighboring churches and friends. Not only did Mike enjoy his "toys", he also enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening and spending time with his family. He found great joy in animals, especially his Boston Terrier, collecting pieces of silver and turquoise jewelry, and keeping up on Chicago Cubs baseball. Eldon "Mike" Michaelson died at Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center on Friday, July 2, 2010, having attained the age of eighty-one years, one month, and eleven days.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents Harry Michaelson and Clara Hansen, one sister Dorothy Jacobsen, and son-in-law Darrell Clayton. He is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years Jeanette Michaelson of Walnut; daughter Deborah Clayton of Walnut; granddaughters: Jennifer and her husband Doug Grekoff of La Porte City, and Kelli Clayton of Walnut; three great-granddaughters: Kody, Kelly, and Kacy Grekoff of Laporte City; sisters Ruth Williams of California and Linda Rice of Papillion, NE; brothers Gary Michaelson and his wife Vicki of Walnut and Harry Michaelson, Jr. of Pacific Junction; other family members and friends.

Pastor Gail Muckey conducted the 10:30 AM funeral service on Monday, July 5, 2010 at Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut. Serving as casket bearers were Doug Shepherd, James Michaelson, Denny Book, Cesar Granados, Dick Myers, and Fred Miller. Interment was held at the Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut.

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