

Clarence Junior Wendt, 62

Oct. 26, 1939 – April 29, 2002

ATLANTIC – Clarence Junior Wendt was born Oct. 26, 1939, in Avoca, to Clarence F. and Leta E. Schuning Wendt and lived in Avoca until moving to Atlantic in 1965. He was a graduate of the Avoca High School.

Nov. 21, 1959, he married Joretta L. Bergloff in Avoca. He worked for the Colonial Baking Company as a route salesman for several years. He then worked for Wonderbread where he was a route salesman for 19 years before becoming the branch supervisor. He was a member of the United Church of Christ in Atlantic. He was an active member of the Atlantic Elks Lodge Number 445, where he was a Past Exalted Ruler. Clarence was a former member of the Atlantic Jaycees. He died April 29, 2002, while dining at a local restaurant at age 62.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Inez Simpson, and a sister-in-law, Barbara Wendt. He is survived by his wife, Joretta of Atlantic; a daughter, Stacy (Mark) Arrnstrong of Crescent; three brothers, Eugene (Jeanette) Wendt of Avoca; Willis Wendt of Sunnyvale, CA and Bob (Helen) Wendt of Atlantic; five sisters, Lois (Dennis) Jacobsen of Hancock; Marjorie Wilds of Shelby; Marlene Petersen of Dewey, CO; Janice (Byron) Martins of Avoca; Beverly (Walt) Knudsen of Walnut; a brother-in-law, Sam Simpson of Waterloo; close family friends, Darren C. Cook and Dylan of Atlantic; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The body was cremated and a memorial service was held May 2, 2002, at the United Church of Christ with Pastor Sue Hyndman officiating. Hockenberry Family Care in Atlantic, in charge of arrangements.