

Joe Beckendorf, 81

Aug. 25, 1910 — March 5, 1992

WALNUT — Joe Beckendorf was born near Walnut, Aug. 25, 1910. He was the son of Elmer and Fannie Port Beckendorf. He was one of two children in the family. He attended country school through the 8th grade, when he started farming with his father.

He married Dorothy Croghan Feb. 4, 1933 at the Beckendorf family home, south of Walnut. They were the parents of three children, Betty, Bob and Boyd. They farmed south of Walnut until 1969, when they retired and moved to Walnut. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut, in which he had served as an Elder of the church. He also served as secretary of the P.S.C. Conservation Club for over 25 years. He died March 5, 1992 at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines at age 81. He had been hospitalized for hip replacement surgery.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy; one son, Boyd; one grandson, Samuel Dean Sunderman and his sister, Margaret Beckendorf. Survivors include his daughter, Betty (Darrell) Sunderman of Walnut and his son, Bob Beckendorf (Beverly), living near Walnut; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 9, 1992 at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut with Rev. Gene Oliver and Rev. Raymond Molander, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery. Casketbearers were Larry Beckendorf, Mark Beckendorf, James Hansen, Russell Beckendorf, Steve Sunderman, and Ralph Ridnour. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.