

## John Calvin Barrett, 94

March 31, 1923 - Feb. 9, 2018

**SHELBY** – John Calvin Barrett, the youngest son of Galen and Julia (Frazey) Barrett, was born on March 31, 1923, on the family farm in rural Shelby. It was there he would live and farm most of his life. John graduated from Tennant High School in 1942.

On April 6, 1947, John married Helen Luverne Holdsworth at her parents' home near Manilla. The couple farmed his home place and raised their four children, Richard, Darrell, Phyllis, and Tim. John continued to live there following

Helen's death on May 1, 2011, until November 2013, when he became a resident of Avoca Specialty Care in Avoca.

John was a member of the Shelby United Methodist Church in Shelby. Next to his passion for farming, he loved to fly. He had taken flying lessons and was just short of obtaining his pilot's license. John continued this interest in flight by building free flight model airplanes. He also enjoyed hunting and being outdoors. Following their retirement from farming, John and Helen enjoyed traveling in their fifth wheel camper, seeing most of the United States.

John C. Barrett died on Friday, February 9, 2018, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having reached the age of 94 years, 10 months, and nine days.

John was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Helen Luverne Barrett; two sons, Richard Barrett and Darrell Barrett; one brother, William Barrett; and two sisters, Margaret Watson and Mary Nelson. He is survived by one daughter, Phyllis (Don) Barkhaus of Altoona; one son, Tim (LuAnn) Barrett of Shelby; one daughter-in-law, Becky Barrett of Shelby; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Mandy Barkhaus of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Omaha, NE, officiating. Diane Book served as the organist, and Bonnie Peters and Jax Barkhaus were soloists. Casket bearers were Brion Barrett, Todd Barrett, Travis Barrett, Dylan Barrett, Tom Barkhaus, and Troy Barkhaus. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery, Shelby. Memorials may be directed to Carstens 1880 Farmstead, Shelby.

The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Shelby was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.burmeisterjohannsen.com](http://www.burmeisterjohannsen.com).



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