

## Earl "Bud" Bintz, 88

Jan. 16, 1920 - Feb. 28, 2008

**MINDEN** — Earl Walter Bintz, the son of Walter P. and Emily Kraack Bintz, was born on January 16, 1920 on the family farm near Minden, IA where he spent all his life except for the three years, three months while he was serving in World War II. Bud went to country school and then graduated from Minden High School in 1936. In 1942 Bud enlisted in the United States Army and spent two years in the Aleutian Islands during that Campaign. He returned to the states in 1944 and was discharged out of Jacksonville, FL on November 5, 1945.

Bud was united in marriage to Phyllis Larimore on July 19, 1942 at the Hanscom Park Methodist Church in Omaha, NE. To this union three children were born: Gale, Becky and Mary. Bud was very happy with his Minden and Neola friends and always said: "It's a garden spot, stay there." Bud worked on the farm and did some carpentry work also. Bud enjoyed playing baseball until he was 40 years old. He also enjoyed bowling, dancing, playing cards and being among friends. He was a great father to his children and a wonderful grandpa to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bud served as the Commander of the Minden Legion Post #437 when they built the new Legion Hall following the Minden tornado. He was also a member of the VFW. Bud died at the Woodlands Rehabilitation Center in Council Bluffs, IA on Thursday, February 28, 2008 having attained the age of eighty-eight years, one month and twelve days.

Bud is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of sixty-five years, Phyllis; a son, Gale Bintz and his wife Diana of Council Bluffs; daughters: Becky and her husband Wayne Jacobsen of Avoca and Mary and her husband David Lefeber of Minden; grandchildren: Kevin and his wife Jodi, Robb and his wife Melissa, Jill and her husband Russ, Jani and her husband Bob, Jennifer, Laura and Bryan; great grandchildren: Jordan, Jessica, Kasey and Tim, Morgan, Mattie, Colton, Kendall, Gracie, Dan, Tiffany and her husband Rudy and Tracy; and a great great grandson Gavin; sister, Eudine Church of Yankton, SD; sisters-in-law: Colleen Rutenbeck of Des Moines, IA and Robin and her husband Gene Thomsen of Kimballton, IA; many nieces, nephews; and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor Brian Wohlhuter officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Those serving as honorary casket bearers were Gus Hartje, Jerome Driver, Orville Wedel, Harold Lefeber, Robert "Buck" Mauer and Harold Bintz. Active casket bearers were Robb Jacobsen, Kevin Jacobsen, Bryan Lefeber, Terry Church, Bob Mings and Russ Hays.



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