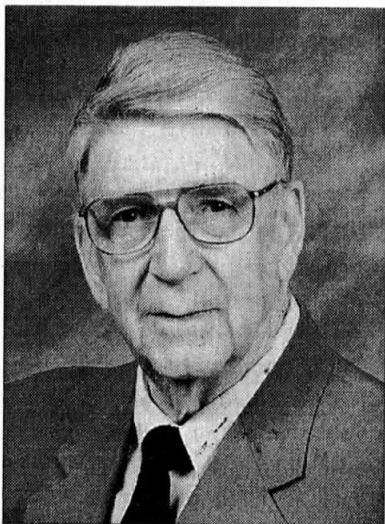


Jack Bornholdt, 82 ✓

Jan. 25, 1927 - July 2, 2009

AVOCA — Jack Burton Bornholdt was born on January 25, 1927, to Elmer and Ella (Tiessen) Bornholdt in Avoca. He attended school in Avoca where he was captain of both the football and basketball teams, and graduated as valedictorian of the class of 1945. After high school, Jack enlisted in the US Army and served during World War II. Upon his honorable discharge, he attended Iowa State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture/farm operations. He went on to teach adult agriculture classes to WWII veterans in Avoca for several years.



December 6, 1953, Jack was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bombeck at the Presbyterian Church in Avoca. Three daughters were born to this twenty-six year union: Beth, Shelley, and Vanessa. Through the years, Jack continued to expand the family farming operation, and later in life also worked as both tax accountant and postal carrier. He had many accomplishments in his lifetime, one being a national architectural award from Farm Journal magazine for livestock shelter design. Jack was a lifetime member of the Avoca Legion Fred Funston Post, and served on the Avoca school board and Pottawattamie County fair board. He was a member of the United Church of Christ in Minden. Jack loved music and taught himself to play guitar and piano. He enjoyed playing trombone in the Iowa State University jazz and marching bands, and later in his own Dixieland band, The Noteworthy's. He also participated in an area "big band." After retirement, Jack resided on the family farm until he moved to the Avoca Lodge Assisted Living/Nursing Home in November of 2005. It was there that he died on Thursday, July 2, 2009, at the age of 82.

Jack was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Elmer and Ella, and brother, Robert. He is survived by his three daughters: Beth Bornholdt of Avoca; Shelley and her husband, Joel Ross, of Acworth, GA; Vanessa and her husband, Roger Heilig, of Shelby; two grandsons: Benjamin and Conrad Heilig of Shelby; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Bornholdt, of Portland, OR; other family members and many friends.

Pastor Brian Wohlhuter conducted the private graveside service at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca. Military honors were provided by the Avoca American Legion Post No. 227.

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