

## John Buckner, 88

*June 6, 1918 - Sept. 2, 2006*

**HARLAN** — John Monroe Buckner, son of Dennis and Laura (Mishfer) Buckner, was born June 6, 1918, in rural Audubon County. While growing up, he attended school in Gray, and rural Guthrie County. After his schooling, he entered the United States Army where he served his country honorably overseas during World War II.

Aug. 11, 1949, John married Irene Rasmussen at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Three children were born to this union, Candace, Gregory and David. After their marriage, they farmed together on a farm outside of Jacksonville until their retirement in 1970 when they then made their home in Harlan. In 1973, they purchased and operated the Harlan Motel until 1977. Irene died April 5, 1997, and John continued to make his home in Harlan until September of 2005, when he moved to West Des Moines where he was closer to his family. He died at his home in West Des Moines Sept. 2, 2006, at age 88 years, two months and 27 days.

In addition to his parents and wife, John was preceded in death by his sons, David Dean Buckner in 1958 and Gregory John Buckner in 1976, and his sister, Ethel Buckner Alt. He is survived by his daughter, Candace (Dennis) George of West Des Moines; his grandsons, Daniel George of Hillsboro, OR and Eric George (Beth) of Ankeny, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6, 2006, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville with Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery with Daniel George, Eric George, Ron Doonan, Wayne Petersen, Carl Petersen, and Jeff Peterson casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

