

John Koch, 86 ✓

Oct. 30, 1921 - Sept. 15, 2008

NEOLA — John Henry Koch, the son of Henry and Minnie Hartje Koch, was born on October 30, 1921 on the family farm southeast of Neola. He attended country school in York township until the eighth grade. John then went to work with his father on the family farm.

John was united in marriage to Vonda Schories on August 20, 1950 at the Minden Congregational Church. To this union three children were born: Sheila, Robert and Timothy. John farmed his whole life on the family farm raising cattle, hogs, chickens, milking cows and raising a large garden along with raising corn, beans, oats, hay and wheat. John was part of

many baling, thrashing and corn shelling crews. John's hobbies were few but he enjoyed watching a good ball game, and going to sale barns and auctions. He was very kindhearted and many called him Johnny. John passed away at the home of his birth on Monday, September 15, 2008 having attained the age of eighty-six years, ten months and sixteen days.

John is preceded in death by his parents, his sisters: Alice Koch, Esther Trede and Hazel Trede. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife of fifty-eight years, Vonda; his children: Sheila and her husband Chris Pederson; Robert Koch and his wife Cindy and Timothy Koch and his wife Doreen, of Neola, IA; three grandchildren: Nancy Koch and her friend Craig; Brenda Koch; Brenda Lee and her husband Charlie Vogl; step grandchildren: John Hansen; Clint Hansen and Andrea Hansen; two great grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; sister Lucille Zach of Council Bluffs, IA; special friend Jim Pope; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 10:30 AM at the Minden United Church of Christ in Minden, IA with burial at the Minden Cemetery. Serving as honorary bearers were Jim Pope, Ronnie Kay and Walt Ausdemore with Ted Trede, Clint Hansen, Tom Trede, Charlie Vogl, John Hansen and Tom Schories as the active bearers.



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