

John Paul Doner, 81

April 18, 1914 - Jan. 23, 1996

EXIRA - John Paul Doner, son of Floyd D. and Cora Anna Potter Doner, was born April 18, 1914 on his parents' farm north of Treynor. He died Jan. 23, 1996 at the Exira Care Center in Exira at age 81 years, 9 months and five days. He attended rural schools in Harrison County then helped operate the family farm with his father and brother.

Dec. 2, 1941 he married Marietta Colledge in Rockport, MO. One daughter, Mary Louise, was born to this union. Jan. 21, 1942 he was inducted into the United States Army. During his tour of duty he was a truck driver and saw action in Northern Africa, Italy and Germany. He was honorably discharged Sept., 1946. He farmed with his father and brother north of Neola.

Nov. 21, 1948 he married Ella Boehler at Minden. In 1949 Paul, his father, and brother purchased a farm north of Exira which they operated until he retired from farming in 1979 and moved into Exira. He then worked as a handyman, doing carpentry and painting until he was forced to retire due to failing health. He became a resident of the Exira Care Center Dec. 9, 1995. He was a charter member of the Exira Lion's Club and helped to develop the organization and was a member of the Dale Christensen Post No. 4119 V.F.W., Audubon.

Preceding him in death were a granddaughter, Lucille Larsen; his parents; his brothers and sister, William R. Doner, Emil R. Doner and Gertrude Irene Doner. Survivors include his wife, Ella Doner of Exira; his daughter, Mary Louise Dahl of Co. Bluffs; his step-children and their spouses, Joan (Lyle) Larsen of Atlantic; Janell (Ralph) Stauffer of Olathe, KS; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; two step great grandchildren; his sister, Louise Voge of Exira; his sisters-in-law, Elsie martens of Logan and Alice Falk of Minden; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Nancy Jensen Jan. 26, 1996 at the Federated United Church of Christ in Exira. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were the Exira Lions Club. Casket bearers were Ronald Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Richard Emery, Eugene Hansen, Darrell Jensen and Jerry Jensen.