

Joseph Fitzpatrick, 86

Dec. 11, 1912 - Nov. 13, 1999

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WALNUT - Joseph Francis Fitzpatrick was born Dec. 11, 1912, in Walnut, son of William and Katherine Mullen Fitzpatrick. He was one of two children born into the family. He attended country school in Walnut, and then graduated from Walnut High School in the spring of 1932. After high school, he went to work for the railroad in Avoca and Walnut. He also held a job at the Avoca Creamery. In 1965, he went to work as a farmer and farmed with his father on the family farm west of Walnut. After his father died he took care of his mother until her death. He retired from farming in 1980. He then drove truck for Herb Wood part time. In February 1998, he moved to the Atlantic Nursing and Rehab Center in Atlantic. He was a member of the St. Patrick's Church in Walnut. He was like a grandfather to the Wood family. He died at the Atlantic Nursing and Rehab Center Nov. 13, 1999, at age 86 years, 11 months and 28 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Marie. He is survived by his friends.

Funeral services were held Nov. 17, 1999, at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Walnut, with Father Fred Reischl officiating. Burial was in the St. Patrick's Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Jake Wood, Dillion Wood and Dalton Wood. Casket bearers were Harold Hansen, Herb Wood, Dean Ausdemore, Jason Wood, Runk Wood and Paul Riley. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.