

John Henry (Bud) Marxen, Jr., 80

~~July 17, 1921 - Dec. 9, 2001~~

ATLANTIC - John Henry (Bud) Marxen, Jr. son of John Henry, Sr. and Lola Mae DeBord Marxen, was born July 17, 1921, on the Kitrick farm two miles west of Atlantic on Second Street and grew up on farms in the Marne and Atlantic areas.

He married Helen Maxine Bornholdt March 2, 1948, at the First Presbyterian Church in Atlantic. Following marriage, they farmed from 1946 to 1957. He sold Wilson seed corn and standard chemicals. He was then manager of Joyce Lumber Yard, joining the police force in 1960. John attended the Police Academy in 1962 and served 23 years as a policeman, part of that time as Chief of Police, retiring in May of 1983. He was a member of Odd Fellows, Iowa Association of Chief of Police and Peace Officers, and Iowa State Policemen's Association. He died at his home in Atlantic, Dec. 9, 2001, at age 80.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lola Marxen; and one great grandson, Corbin. Surviving are his wife, Helen M. Marxen of Atlantic; three daughters, Leanne Silence, Patty Marxen and Jane Livingston (Glenn), all of Atlantic; seven grandchildren, Sheri Ashburn and her friend, Don Wilson; John Silence (Lisa); Angela Behrens (Jim), all of Atlantic; Chad Silence (Jo) of Des Moines; Teri Silence; Jodi Woodard (Craig), all of Atlantic, and Jessica Wolfe of Des Moines; 15 great grandchildren, Kayla, Acacia, Corey, Brooke, Jacob, Tyler, Nicholas, Kaitlin, Natalie, Emily, Patrick, Jackson, Kirstin, Caleb and Brandon; one brother, Ralph Marxen (Linda) of Fayetteville, NC; two sisters, Mickey Bornholdt and Shirley McFadden (Wayne), and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 12, 2001, at the Roland Funeral Home in Atlantic, with Rev. Chuck Smith of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Atlantic Cemetery. Casket bearers were Jimmie Wolfe, Johnie Ruhr, LeRoy Glissmann, Jim Schwartz, A.J. Gustafson and Don Lappe.