

John "Jack" Mills, 84

Aug. 7, 1915 - Jan. 29, 2000

DES MOINES - John William (Jack) Mills, 84, Des Moines, died Jan. 29, 2000, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center from complications of Parkinson's. The son of Alice (Bayliss) and Thomas Mills, he was born Aug. 7, 1915, in Doniphan, NE. His early years were spent in Bushnell, IL; Fargo, ND and Keota. He graduated from Keota High School. He attended Parsons College, Fairfield, and worked for the Fairfield Ledger at that time.

June 15, 1940, he married Fielda Loving in Packwood. A member of Grace United Methodist Church, he was former editor of the *Wall Lake Blade*. Other employment included working for the city government in Harlan, for the Office of Price Stabilization in Ottumwa under the Truman administration and for the Research Institute of America in Des Moines. Since the early 1960's he had been an advertising salesman for The Vernon Company, Newton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, aunts, uncles and by a brother, Jim Mills (Jean) of Anaconda, MT. Besides his wife, survivors include a brother, Tom Mills (Shirlee) of Keota; two daughters, Kathleen Mills (John Farr) of San Cristobal, NM and Rebecca Mills Burgart (John) of Dubuque; one son, Scott Mills (Mary Jo) of Alpharetta, GA; and five grandchildren, Kathryn Poynter (Mike) of Oxford, GA; Julie Wood (Charles) of Ball Ground, GA; Jeffrey Mills of Alpharetta, GA and Claire Burgart and Evan Burgart, both of Dubuque; three great grandchildren, Jesse and Jack Wood and Mackensie Poynter and close friend, Janee Rohwer of Des Moines.

A memorial service was held at Grace Methodist Church, Des Moines, Feb. 2, 2000. Inurnment in the Keota Cemetery will occur at a later date.