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Bernard Edward Wood, 81

Feb. 28, 1920 – Sept. 21, 2001

ATLANTIC — Bernard Edward Wood, 81, a longtime Atlantic resident, son of Gorman and Lena Kurtenbach Wood, was born Feb. 28, 1920, in Brayton. He grew up in the Wiota area, graduating from the Wiota High School in 1937, and later the Grand Island Business College.

He married Adabelle Vernita Simon Nov. 8, 1941, in Wiota. He entered the U.S. Navy in January of 1942, and received basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Center in Chicago, IL. During WW II, he served in the South Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Dobbin. Following the war, they came to Atlantic, where he was a purchasing agent for the Atlantic Municipal Utilities for 35 years, retiring in 1982. He was a member of the S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and the B.P.O. Elks Lodge #445. He died Sept. 21, 2001, near Oakland, at age 81.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepfather, Tom Coughlin. Bernard is survived by his wife, Adabelle of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn; three sons, Thomas Wood (Cheri) of Gilbert, AZ; Bob Wood (Donna) of Walnut and Mark Wood (Andrea) of Powell, OH; six grandchildren, Michael Wood (Deana) of Omaha, NE; Tim Wood (Johanna) of Chandler, AZ; Aaron Wood of New York City, NY; Sarah Wood of San Francisco, CA; Becky Wood of Overland Park, KS and Madelaine Wood of Powell, OH; two great grandsons, Dean and Hunter Wood of Omaha, NE; aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral Mass was held Sept. 26, 2001, in the S.S. Peter & Paul Catholic Church with Msgr. Lawrence Beeson celebrant. Burial was in the Atlantic Catholic Cemetery. There was a military service at the cemetery presented by the Atlantic Color Guard. Roland Funeral Home, Atlantic, in charge of arrangements.