

John S. Simpson:



May 7, 1913 - June 28, 2005  
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Funeral service for John S. Simpson, 92, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 1 (2005), in the First Presbyterian Church at Algona with the Rev. Dr. David Ullom officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Cemetery at Whittemore.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today (Thursday), June 30, in the Garry-Roberts-Murphy-Schaaf Funeral home at Algona.

John S. Simpson was born May 7, 1913, at Whittemore, the son of John W. and Mary Seely Simpson. He attended country school and went on to attend Algona High School and was part of the last class to graduate from the Bryant School in 1931. After his schooling, John stayed home and began to farm with his father. John joined the United States Army in 1942. He served until 1945, and upon his honorable discharge from the military, he returned home to farm.

John was united in marriage to Helen Batt at Estherville, Iowa on August 18, 1949. After their marriage, the couple lived on the family farm. John enjoyed spending time with his grandkids and great-grandkids, watching sports, gardening, reading and photography. He was a member of the VFW, Izaak Walton League and Farm Bureau. John died Tuesday, June 28 (2005), in the Algona Manor Care Center.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, of Algona; a daughter, Marilyn and her husband, Charles Benson; grandsons, Brett and Cheryl Benson of Minneapolis; Kevin and Kim Benson, Whittemore; Steve and Jean Benson of Cherokee, Iowa; grandson-in-law, Terry

Gaedke of Algona; great-grandchildren, Brittany, Logan, Ben, Brock, Chad, Liana and Nathan Benson.

Also surviving is a brother, Gene and his wife, Ruth Simpson of Colorado Springs, Colo. and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter, Deb Benson Gaedke and sisters, Margaret Park and Mildred Sampson.