

# THE RHODES TRIBUNE

Friday, May 11, 2001

**Harold Max "Doc" Townsend, 73**, of Baxter, died April 17 at his home of cancer. The body was cremated and memorial services were held Sat. April 21 at 10 a. m. at Bethany United Church of Christ, Baxter, IA. Burial was at Restland Cemetery in Baxter.

Mr. Townsend was born May 20, 1927 at Baxter, the son of Henry and Mary Townsend. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1945. On Oct 3, 1947 he married Geraldine Schmidt.

He farmed, was a carpenter and an army Veteran. He was a former mayor, city councilman, and school board President in Baxter and he founded the Baxter Economics Development Corp. He was also a member of the Sun Valley Park Association in Arizona.

Survivors include, his wife, Geraldine, two daughters, Sandra ( Greg) Tyler and Shirley ( B. J.) Christian both of Baxter; three grandchildren; Traci (Jeff) Shepley, Ryan Bucklin and fiancée Becky Love and Bill Iverson; one great grandchild, A. J. Flora, all of Baxter; five sisters; June (Lorren) Hardenburgh of Baxter., Mae Eckhart of Apache Junction, Ariz.; Lucile (George) Severidt of State Center, Wilma Eckhart of State Center and Mary Ellen (Jack) Gray of Rhodes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother George and a daughter Mary Sue.

## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their concern, prayers and visits during Doc's illness and the food, cards, memorials and flowers at the time of his death. It meant a lot to all of us.

The family of "Doc" Townsend