

JOHN SIMMONS

John W. Simmons, age 76, of Omaha, Nebraska, formerly of rural Shenandoah, Iowa, died Sunday, October 22, 2006 at the St. Joseph Villa, Omaha, Nebraska. Graveside memorial services will be held 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at the Veteran's Memorial Chapel, Rose Hill Cemetery, Shenandoah, Iowa with Rev. John Clark officiating. Visitation with the family will be held 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 25, 2006 prior to the service. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Cemetery. A memorial will be established. Walker-Merrick Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.walker-merrick-wolfe-barr.com.

John William Simmons was born October 3, 1930 at Shenandoah, Iowa to Franklin Benjamin Simmons and Dora (Hunter) Simmons. He was a graduate of Shenandoah High School. John was united in marriage October 7, 1950 to Marian Alice Markus. She preceded him in death September 1, 2003. John was a lifetime farmer. In addition to his farming he also had worked as night watchman at Tarkio College, worked at Vet-a-Mix, Shenandoah, and retired as security guard at Eaton Corporation, Shenandoah.

John was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marian; son, John William Simmons II. Survivors include his daughter, Joan Fredrickson and husband Steve of Omaha, Nebraska; son, David Franklin Simmons and wife Becky of Ankeny, Iowa; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.