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## John F. Atkinson, 87

John F. Atkinson, 87, of Boonville, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 1999, at Katy Manor Care Center in Pilot Grove. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 at St. John's United Church of Christ at Billingsville with the Rev. Mary Harris officiating. Burial will be in the ✓ Walnut Grove Cemetery. Friends may call at the William Wood Funeral Home in Boonville after 2 p.m. Tuesday, until 9 a.m. Wednesday and then at the church. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

John F. Atkinson was born Aug. 29, 1911, in Cooper County, the son of Clarence W. and Lydia Muntzel Atkinson. He married Carolyn M. Holmes Dec. 11, 1937, in Boonville. She preceded him in death Oct. 27, 1997. Mr. Atkinson had lived his entire life on the family farm where he was raised. He was a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ, Billingsville Community Club and was a past board member of Farm Bureau.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Atkinson of Jefferson City and Paul Atkinson of St. Charles; three daughters, Ruth Williams of Liberty, Mary Jane Fudge of Blue Springs and Linda Potter of Columbia; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, one brother and one sister. Memorials are suggested to St. John's United Church of Christ.