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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 were 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 was in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Williams, Gary Williams, Greg Williams, Chris Atkinson, Jim Atkinson, Philip Atkinson, Stephen Fudge, Jeffrey Fudge and Laura Atkinson. Arrangements are under the direction of the William Wood 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.