



John Joseph Schantz, age 67, of Wapello, Iowa, died Wednesday morning, November 28, 2007, at his home. The son of Dillon D. and Margaret 'Peg' Edmondson Schantz, he was born August 27, 1940 at Wapello. He married Karen Trier on December 28, 1962.

John graduated from Ainsworth High School in 1958. He attended Mankato State University for one year where he played football.

He worked in millwright with Local 2158 of Moline and was a carpenter with Local 1260 of Iowa City. Earlier he had farmed, operated the Shell Station at Wapello and as family owned and operated the Grandview Service and the Grandview Country Cafe.

John was of the Methodist faith. He was a member of the Masons at Ainsworth and Washington, the KAABA Shrine at Washington, the I.O.O.F. at Wapello, the Crappie Masters, Crappie USA, Crappie Unlimited, CAST, and Pheasants Forever. He had been a little league coach, enjoyed auctions, hunting, woodworking, and playing cards. His life and activities were always centered about his family.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; his mother, Margaret 'Peg' Schantz of Wapello; six children, a daughter, Cindy and Mike Singleton of Wapello, a son, Greg and Cathy Greiner of Wapello, a daughter, Jeanne and Rod Fry of Winterville, Georgia, a daughter, Chris Spate of Belvidere, Illinois, a daughter, Julie Rich of Columbia, Missouri, and a son, John, Jr. and JoEllen Schantz of Wapello; his sixteen grandchildren; a brother, Don and Mary Schantz of Ainsworth; and a sister, Judy and John Grover of Washington. He was preceded in death by his father.

The funeral ceremony for John Schantz was held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, December 1, 2007, at the Dudgeon-McCulley Funeral Home at Wapello, with Rev. Scott Smith officiating. Burial was at the Wapello Cemetery. A Memorial Fund has been established.