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John W. Becker, 59

Persia — John William Becker, 59, an accountant in Sacramento, Calif. for 1 years, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 1983. He was born April 10, 1923 in Persia, the son of W.E. Becker and Helen Koll Becker. He died following a short illness on Feb. 12, 1983 at his home in Sacramento at the age of 59 years, 10 months, 2 days. He graduated from Persia high school in 1940.

On April 25, 1942 he married Delores Williams also of Persia, to this union were born two daughters and two sons. He served in World War II in the Air Force flying missions out of England over Germany. After the war, he returned to Persia to become the fourth generation to own and operate Becker Hardware Store. In the late 1940's the business was sold and he worked for Briggs Pump Co. in Omaha until the family moved to Sacramento in 1957 where they resided since that time, except for a brief period following a serious auto accident when they came back to Iowa. The past eight years he was employed by Davidson's Plywood Supply Co. in Sacramento.

Private services were held Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1983 at the home of his son, Bill Becker. He was preceded in death by his grandparents John and Minnie Becker, who raised him and by his parents Bill and Helen Becker. He is survived by his wife Delores, two daughters, Janice Standish and Deanna Anstess; two sons, Bill and Jack Becker, seven grandchildren, all in the Sacramento area and by a sister, Leeta Grap of Persia.