

George Eble, Jr., 80

SHELBY - George Eble, Jr., was born in Norfolk, NE on Aug. 27, 1907. He was the son of George and Blanche Hill Eble. He was one of nine children in the family. The family moved to Shelby in 1921. He graduated from the Shelby High School in 1925, and he continued working at the YBR Store, (Yackey, Battey and Reams), where he was hired as a clerk in 1924. During 1927, he went into a partnership with George Battey, which continued for 21 years, until Mr Battey's retirement. He bought the remaining interest in the store and has continued the business every since.

He married Edith Jenny on Aug. 16, 1933, in Nashua, IA. They were the parents of two children, Roger and Barbara. Edith died Dec. 24, 1964. He has been very active in the life of the Shelby community, serving on the city council, president of the school board, cemetery association, a 50 years member of the Masonic Lodge, board of directors and vice-president of the Iowa Western Community College board, and was on the board of directors of the Farmers Savings Bank in Shelby. He was an active member of the United Methodist Church, both on the church board and as a superintendent of the Sunday School. He has been active as a Cub Master with the Cub Scouts and on the board of directors at Rem-Leadway in Shelby. He died July 30, 1988 at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 80 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Edith and one granddaughter, Holly Eble. He is survived by his son, Roger of Billings, MT; his daughter, Barbara (Mrs Larry) Ashpole of Rock Island, IL; six grandchildren; six sisters, Bernice Thurber of Haxtun, CO; Mrs Lawrence (Ruby) Brown of Shelby; Grace Beck of Arvada, CO; Mary Owings of Ames; Mrs Leonard (Jessie) of Redding, CA and Mrs Floyd (Peggy) Sterling of Omaha, NE; two brothers, Charles of Iowa City and Kenneth Eble of Salt Lake City, Utah; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Aug. 2, 1988 at the United Methodist Church, Shelby with Rev. Ralph Erts officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Lance Severson, Delmar Von Eschen, Jesse Pike, Ralph Peterson, Richard Mattox and Robert Simmons as casket bearers. Berthuser-Knutson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.