

## Roger Eble, 50

**SHELBY** – Roger Franklin Eble was born Nov. 18, 1939 in Co. Bluffs. He was the son of George, Jr. and Edith Jenny Eble. He was one of two children in the family. He attended school in Shelby and graduated with the class of 1957. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Iowa in 1961, his Master of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska in 1965, and his doctorate from the University of Montana in 1976.

He married Karen Lou Thomsen Aug. 13, 1960 at Avoca. They were the parents of four children. He began his career in education as a social studies teacher in Underwood, becoming principal of Tri-Center High School in Neola, in 1965. In 1968, he moved his family to MT., to become principal of Hellgate High School in Missoula. He held positions as superintendent of schools in Libby (1977-80) and Helena (1980-87) before assuming the top position in Billings. He retired June 30, 1990. Throughout his career, he was active in civic and professional activities, including school administrators of MT., Rotary, United Way, Special Olympics, Carroll College, Chamber of Commerce, Phi Delta Kappa and the Lutheran Church. He was awarded the G.V. Erickson Award as most outstanding administrator in MT., by his peers in 1989, and was honored by the Billings Rotary Club, the Billings Education Assoc., and the Montana Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, this past year. The community paid tribute to him in May for his retirement during one of the largest dinners ever held in the state. He died of cancer July 16, 1990 at age 50 years.

He was preceded in death by their youngest daughter, Holly, age 15 in 1988 and by his mother and father. He is survived by his wife, Karen and their children, Charles of Billings; Michelle of Eugene, OR., and Shannon of Billings, besides aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Prayer service was held at Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca, July 19, 1990, followed by graveside services at Shelby cemetery. Pastor Dean Sudman (Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca) officiated.