

## Stanley R. Eckel, 80

**SHELBY** — Stanley R. Eckel was born near Shelby on May 2, 1906. He was the son of Richard and Mary Elma Smith Eckel. He was one of seven children in the family. He graduated from the Shelby high school with the class of 1924. He attended Iowa State University at Ames, for several winter quarters while farming for his father. In 1930 he took a position with the Greyhound Bus Company in Omaha, Ne., driving for them in the states of Iowa and Nebraska until 1943.

He married Dorothy Adams on June 23, 1932 at the home of her parents in Keokuk, Iowa. They were the parents of two children, Lynn and Diane. After their marriage they made their home in Omaha until 1943, when they moved to Shelby where he farmed for his father. In the fall of 1947, they moved to the Eckel home place west of Shelby where they were engaged in farming. They continued to farm there until 1975 when he retired from farming and they moved into their home in Shelby. This has been their home since that time.

He was an active member of the Presbyterian church in Shelby. He has been ordained as an Elder in the Church and also held several offices in the Mariners organization of the church. He remained active in the church until the time of his illness. He had served as an officer of the Pottawattamie County Farm Bureau and had worked part time in several of the businesses in Shelby since he retired from farming.

He died on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1987 after a long illness, at age 80 years, 11 months and 17 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Thornton and one sister, Florence Walters. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Shelby; his son, Lynn of Glenwood; his daughter, Diane (Mrs Ben) Voss of Omaha; two granddaughters; two brothers, Clyde of Herman, NE. and Dwight of Shelby; two sisters, Edna (Mrs Jesse) Pike of Shelby and Helen (Mrs Clarence) McKnabb of Shelby; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 22, 1987 at First Presbyterian church in Shelby with Rev. C.J. Willis of Olive Crest Methodist church of Omaha, officiating. Burial was in Shelby cemetery with M.F. (Bus) Mattox, Harold Norman, Raymond Davis, Randolph Koch, Ralph Watkins and George Eble being honoring bearers and Gorden Schroder, Dean Luxford, Lester Ploen, Rockford Martin, Melvin Thomsen and Frank Evans serving as casketbearers. Berthussen Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca was in charge of arrangements.