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John E. Evans, 70

SHELBY — John Edmund Evans was born near Shelby on Aug. 30, 1916. He was the son of Ira and Sarah Paul Evans. He was one of eight children. After graduating from the Shelby high school in 1935, he continued to farm with his parents.

He married Eunice Swanson on June 1, 1941 in Swedehome, NE. They had five sons and one daughter. He has been involved with the Shelby Cemetery Association since 1945, and was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Shelby.

He retired from his farming in 1980. During the past three years, his health began to fail and on Friday, Aug. 28, 1987 he died at the Jennie Edmundson hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age of 70 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Bessie Pratt; and two brothers, Uel (Bob) and Arthur. Survivors include his wife, Eunice; five sons, John of Upper Heyford, England; Franklin, Gerald and Steven of Shelby and Richard of Walnut; one daughter, Nancy of Shelby; 12 grandchildren; two brothers, Paul of Marshalltown and Glenn of Bloomington, MN; two sisters, Mrs Margaret Belkovic of Yucaipa, CA and Esther Lehman of Ralston, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 1, 1987 with Pastor Stan Nielsen, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Harold Bintz, Lester Ploen, Delmar Von Eschen, Tom Evans, Dick Evans, Dave Evans as casket bearers and Gale Marshall, George Eble, Clarence McKnabb, Wm. Rohrs, Clarence Paul, Ralph Paul as honorary casket bearers. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.