

## Eldon Jensen, 78 ✓

*Oct. 26, 1927 - April 16, 2006*

**SHELBY** — Eldon Edward Jensen was born Oct. 26, 1927, in Shelby, son of Albert and Ruth Campbell Jensen. He was baptized at the Shelby Methodist Church and later confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. Eldon attended school in Shelby, graduating with the class of 1945. While in high school, he was a member of the boys' basketball team that went to the state tournament.

Eldon married Patricia Donahue Oct. 2, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. To this union five children were born, Susan, Rick, Mark, Jack and Michael. Eldon and Patricia began their own family lawn care service which has been passed down to his children and grandchildren. He also worked for the Omaha World Herald as circulation manager for southwest Iowa. Eldon later worked for the city of Shelby as street and water maintenance manager. He retired from this position 1992. He and Patricia were members of a Pinochle group for over 35 years. He died April 16, 2006, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO, at age 78 years, five months and two days.

Eldon was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of Shelby; one daughter, Susan (Dr. Craig) Welbourne of Western Springs, IL; four sons, Rick (Monica) of Omaha, NE, Mark (Kathy) of Shelby; Jack (Paula) of Independence, MO; and Michael (Janice) of Cary, NC; 10 grandchildren and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 19, 2006, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca, with Rev John Frost celebrant and Msgr. Eugene Kerwin concelebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Grace Jensen and Adam Jensen with Jenny Jensen, Brianna Jensen, Aaron Jensen, Dr. Benjamin Welbourne, Bridget Welbourne, Kevin Jensen, Julie Jensen and Matthew Jensen casket bearers. Burial was held in the Shelby Cemetery, Shelby, Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.