

Clarence Kiesel, 74

Dec. 31, 1922 - May 9, 1997 ✓

SHELBY - Clarence William Kiesel was born Dec. 31, 1922, in Pottawattamie County, son of Adam and Emma Messerschmidt Kiesel. He was one of 13 children in the family. He attended school in Shelby. He worked on the family farm until his induction into the armed forces, where he served as a medic with the Allied occupation in Tokyo, Japan. Following his discharge from the Army, he worked with his brother, Elmer, as a trucker.

He married Beverly Fell Semin June 8, 1952 at Omaha, NE. They made their home in Shelby, where Clarence started his own trucking business. They later also owned and operated the Dairy Queen. She died March 20, 1985. They were the parents of Mikki, Susan, Sandi, Steve and Scott. He enjoyed his grandchildren and gardening. He died suddenly May 9, 1997, at Dallas County Hospital in Perry at age 74 years, four months and nine days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Beverly; four brothers, Elmer, Ernest, Walter and Edwin; three sisters, Clara Chipman, Helen Boeck and Hilda Kiesel. He is survived by his children, Mikki Sachs (Don) of Co. Bluffs; Susan Parker (Kevin) of Vinton; Sandi Wilds (Mark) of Shelby; Steve Kiesel (Lynne) of Shelby; Scott Kiesel (Ann) of Belmond; 10 grandchildren; one brother, Carl Kiesel (Jean) of Shelby; four sisters, Celia Bargaquast of Shelby; Edna Boll (Melvin) of Walnut; Lydiā-Wede of Mo. Valley and Elsie Messerschmidt of Gainesville, FL; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 13, 1997, at the Shelby Presbyterian Church with Mr. Steve Kiesel officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Robert Buck, Roger Paul, Robert Buck, Jr. and Allan Blumer. Casket bearers were Jason Sachs, Eric Wilds, Ronnie Kiesel, Sam Parker, Kerry Kiesel and Darrell Kiesel. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.