



Clifford H. Olson, 91

Dec. 18, 1899 - March 15, 1991

LOVELAND, CO. - Clifford Howard Olson, formerly of Irwin and Shelby, died at the Good Samaritan Retirement Village at Loveland, CO., March 15, 1991. He was born Dec. 18, 1899 to Joseph L. Olson ("Joe") and Margaret M. Gardner ("Maggie") Olson. He was the eldest of five children and attended the Danway country school through eighth grade. It was necessary for him to leave Irwin high school during tenth grade to work on the family farm.

He worked as a "bachelor farmer" northwest of Irwin for nine years before he married Ruth Monson Feb. 12, 1927. Following their marriage, they farmed near Botna and Irwin from 1927 to 1942. They owned and operated farms near Shelby and Fiscus from 1942 to 1975. He was a crop farmer, did custom trucking, raised Angus cattle and owned registered Belgium horses. After retiring from active farming, he was em-

ployed as a truck driver by the Co. Grain and Fertilizer Co., at Tennant until 1975, when they returned to live in Irwin. In 1989, they moved to Irwin to live near their daughter and her family. They observed their 64th wedding anniversary in Feb. of this year. He has been a member of the Shelby Methodist Church since 1942 and served on the church board and various committees. He was an elected member of the Shelby Consolidated School board for a number of years. He was appointed to the Shelby County Board of Review in 1968. He was a current member of the Shelby County Historical Society.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Bertram Olson of Irwin and LeRoy Olson of Manilla. He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Loveland, CO.; one daughter, Sharon Ruth (Olson) (Dell) Babbitt of Loveland; one grandson; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; one sister, Beulah (Olson) Clark of Irwin; one brother, Clyde L. Olson of Pasadena, CA.; two sisters-in-law, Thelma Olson of Irwin and Norma Monson of Hammond, IN.; cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held March 19, 1991, at the First United Methodist Church in Shelby with burial at the Shelby cemetery. Honorary attendants were Frances Freads, Viola Miller, Helen Koch, Raymond and Teresa Davis, Alvin and Lela Davis, Ralph and Genevive Paul, Francis ("Stub") and Gwen Schnitker Clara Crouch and Mildred Crouch. Pallbearers were Harold and Virgil Crouch, Gale and Garland Barratt, Tom Gaer and Everett Quick. Pastor Walter Bernard of Irwin and Pastor Kate Bell of Shelby officiated. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.