

## Albert Pike, 85

June 26, 1913 - July 7, 1998

**SHELBY** - Albert Theodore Pike was born at Botna, June 26, 1913. He was the son of Adolph and Mary Kuhn Pike and was one of seven children in the family. While he was a child the family moved to several farms in Shelby County. He attended country school and also the Defiance school. The family moved to Shelby in 1929. As a young man, Al worked on several farms in the area until 1942 when he entered the Army during World War II. He was discharged from the Army in January of 1946. He returned to Shelby and continued working on area farms. For several years he farmed with Edgar Wahling.

He married Margie Linn April 24, 1949, at Brookings, SD. They were the parents of two children, Nancy and Steven. In 1954, they moved to a farm north of Shelby. He farmed along with raising cattle. Margie died Oct. 25, 1973. Al continued farming until 1985 when he retired. The past several years he has made his home in Shelby. He was a member of the United Lutheran Church and had served on the Church Board. He was a member of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and of the Shelby American Legion Post #240. He died at his home in Shelby July 7, 1998, at age 85 years and 11 days.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margie; his parents; one sister, Sarah Jensen, and four brothers, Ernest Pike, Walter Pike, Harry Pike and Simon Pike. He is survived by his children, Nancy ((Richard) Armstrong of Minden, and Steve Pike (Cynthia) of Fremont, NE; three grandchildren, Staci Ploen, Evan and Erin Pike; twin great granddaughters, Kelsey and Kaitlin Ploen; a brother, Jesse Pike (Edna) of Shelby; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 9, 1998, at the Shelby Lutheran Church with Rev. Roger Prescott officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery with military graveside services by the Shelby American Legion Post #240. Honorary casket bearers were Alvin Jensen, Clarence Cushing, Gale Marshall, Eldon Jensen and Don Wilds. Casket bearers were David Wahling, Richard Goshorn, Derald Graybill, Dennis Wahling, Ralph Eggerss and Gene Wahling. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.