

## Edwin Preuss, 83

*Sept. 19, 1922 - Dec. 4, 2005*

**SHELBY** — Edwin Gene Preuss, son of William and Caroline Eggerss Preuss, was born on a farm northeast of Shelby, Sept. 19, 1922. He was one of four sons in the family. The family moved into Shelby in 1928, where he attended Shelby School and after graduation he attended one year of pharmacy at the University of Iowa. Edwin served in the United States Army and was stationed in California. He was a Charter member of the American Legion Post No. 240 of Shelby.

Edwin married Dorothy Marie Seaman Sept. 27, 1942, in Maryville, MO. They were the parents of three children. Edwin had polio in 1950, at age 28, but continued to provide and support his family. Edwin and his father, William, operated the Standard Oil Service Station in Shelby for 56 years, until 1984 when they retired. He worked for Schnack Auto Parts in Harlan and Oakland after closing the station. He was a longtime member of the Lutheran Church and served as secretary of the school board in Shelby. Edwin and Dorothy celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary in 1989 before Dorothy died, on Edwin's birthday, in 1990. He continued to live in their home in Shelby until October of 2004 when illness required him to leave and move to Risen Son Christian Village in Council Bluffs. He died Dec. 4, 2005, at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs at age 83 years, two months and 15 days.

Edwin is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Dorothy, and two brothers: Alvin and LaVern. He is survived by his children, Darwin Preuss (Phyllis) of Omaha, NE; Janice (Richard) Ferdinandsen of Arvada, CO and Carolyn Wiggins and Mike Lillie of Underwood; his brother, Gerald Preuss (Doris) of Lakewood, CO; sisters-in-law, Vivian Preuss of Ashland, NE and Jean Seaman of Gravois Mills, MO; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 8, 2005, at the Shelby Lutheran Church with Pastor Duane Anunson officiating. Casket bearers were Ron Kroll, Douglas Preuss, Matthew Preuss, Robert Neumann, Ryan Wiggins and Eugene Rice. Burial was held in the Shelby Cemetery with military graveside rites by the American Legion Post No. 240 of Shelby. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.