

## **Alfred Gill Zimmerman, 80**

**Dec. 11, 1913 - Sept. 28, 1994**

**Shelby** - Alfred Gill Zimmerman was born in Shelby County Dec. 11, 1913. He was the oldest of three sons of Ernest and Zetta Gill Zimmerman. He attended school in Shelby and graduated in 1931. He worked on the farm, then as a painter and carpenter, and at the Shelby Lumber Yard. In 1941 he joined the Army and served in the Third Armored Division of the 23rd Engineers. He went with the invasion troops June 30, 1944 across the English Channel. Six weeks later he received severe wounds. He then spent thirteen months in various hospitals, and received his discharge in Sept. of 1945. He returned to Shelby and made his home with his parents on Western Avenue, where he operated a small motor and lawnmower sales and service business until his retirement.

He married Dorothea Tift Boecken Feb. 14, 1985. Dorothea had been a classmate of his in the Shelby High School. He was active in many of the community activities having served as an Elder, Trustee and Treasurer for the Shelby Presbyterian Church, a member of the Shelby American Legion Post #240, past member of the Odd Fellows Lodge as well as being involved in the Shelby Senior Citizens Housing, Shelby Friendship Club and the Doctors Clinic. The past three years he has been a resident of the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca. He died Sept. 28, 1994 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 80 years, 9 months and 17 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Ralph and a niece, Thelma Sindt. Survivors are his wife, Dorothea, two step-sons; Lyle Boecken (Frances) and Larry Boecken (Charlotte) all living in Turlock, CA, seven step-grandchildren, six step great-grandchildren, a brother, Glenn Zimmerman (Betty) of Harlan, a sister-in-law, Sadie Zimmerman of Shelby, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 2, 1994 at the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby with Rev. Gerald Oliver officiating. Honorary casket bearers were: Paul Peterson, Wesley Moore, Rod Robinson, Dwight Eckel, Dick Mattox, Tom Rihner and Delmar Von Eschen. Casket bearers were: David Andersen, Ronald Eggerss, John Dea, Jesse Pike, Dean Luxford and Ted Balster. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Military graveside services by the Shelby American Legion Post #240. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.