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Ralph W. Zimmerman, 70

SHELBY - Ralph William Zimmerman was born near Shelby on Aug. 12, 1919, son of Ernest and Zetta Gill Zimmerman. He was one of three sons. He attended school in Shelby and graduated with the class of 1937.

He marriage Sadie Rock on July 31, 1941 in Papillion, NE. They farmed in the Shelby area until 1951 when he managed service station in Shelby until 1969 when he began operating a Skelly Service Stations in Shelby. He also operated a service station in Minden as part of his employment with Zimmerman Feed & Supply in Minden. He retired in 1983. They were the parents of four children. He was active in community activities including being a Volunteer Fireman for many years. He belonged to the First Presbyterian Church and served as a trustee and an elder along with being a member of the Mariners Group of the church.

He died at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs on Nov. 29, 1989 at age 70. Services were Dec. 2, 1989 at Shelby First Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother and is survived by his wife, Sadie; four children, Thelma (Marion) Sindt of Shelby; Delmon Zimmerman of Shelby; Diane (Jody) Oles of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Peggy Nelson of Shelby; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His is also survived by his father, Ernest Zimmerman, who is living in the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan; two brothers, Alfred of Shelby and Glenn of Harlan, besides other relatives and friends.

Burial was in Shelby cemetery. Casketbearers were Mike Sindt, Aaron Long, Andy Donaldson, Brad Sindt, Shane Zimmerman and Ron Kroll. Honorary casketbearers were Ted Balster, Willis Miller, Tony Wingert, Fred Klahn, Don Adams, Darwin Chipman, Jerry Zimmerman and Kenneth Schuning. Knutson Funeral Home handled arrangements.