

Thomas R. Flautt, 92

SHELBY - Thomas Robert Flautt was born in Rushville, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1896, the son of Edward and Harriett Elder Flautt. He was one of two children in the family. He attended school in Rushville until going to work in the shoe business. He first worked in the glue factory until he worked his way up to be a manufacturers representative. He served in the Army during WW I. When he returned from the service he moved to Kansas to open up a new territory for the Enna Jettick Shoe Company. He later spent many years with the Selby Shoe Company.

While living in Wichita, KS he married Georgia Hicks Jan. 4, 1923. They were the parents of two daughters. During their 65 years of marriage, they lived in Wichita, St. Louis, MO, Kansas City, MO and Arkansas until they moved to their home in Shelby in 1986. He had been a member of the American Legion for over 70 years, the Masonic Lodge in Ohio for over 70 years, he was a member of the Shrine and other Masonic Orders, an active member of the Republican Party and a Charter member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club.

Following the death of his wife in 1988, he made his home with his daughter, Patricia Mortensen and her husband George. He died at their home Dec. 30, 1988 at age 92.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Georgia and one brother, John Flautt. He is survived by his children, Patricia (Mrs George) Mortensen of Shelby and Gloria (Mrs Dick) Farris of Portland, OR; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Services were held at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home, Avoca, Jan. 3, 1989 with Rev. Ralph Erts officiating. Burial was in Old Mission cemetery, Wichita, KS, Jan. 4, 1989.