

## Tobias Selmer Hodne, 77

March 2, 1919 - Oct. 27, 1996

**MANILLA** - Tobias Selmer, son of Tobias and Julia Andersen Hodne, was born March 2, 1919, near Coon Rapids in Guthrie County. He attended rural schools near his home and graduated from Viola Township Consolidated School. In 1944, he earned a Bachelor of Science from Iowa State College in Agriculture Economics. While attending Iowa State, he was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity. He served in the United States Navy during WW II aboard a destroyer tender in the Pacific. Following his honorable discharge in 1946, he returned to the Coon Rapids area where he farmed with his brothers. He was a G.I. Farm Instructor in Corning. He moved to Manning a year later and continued his G.I. Farm Instructor work.

Feb. 19, 1950, he married Phyllis Stribe at the Presbyterian Church in Manning. After their marriage he continued teaching for a year and in 1951 they began farming northeast of Irwin. In 1968, they purchased another farm in the Irwin area. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He was involved in soil and water conservation education throughout his life. He was active in the Farm Bureau in both the local and state levels. Though he ceased active farming he remained interested and involved as long as his health permitted. He entered the Manilla Manor Nursing Home in November of 1993. He suffered a major stroke in August of 1994 and following his hospitalization, entered Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. In July of 1996, he became a resident of Eventide Nursing Home in Denison and died there Oct. 27, 1996, at age 77 years, seven months and 25 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Edgar Hodne and Herman Hodne, and two sisters, Ethel Clark and Evelyn Smith. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Hodne of Manilla; three children, Steve Hodne of Manilla; Carol Hodne of Iowa City and Douglas Hodne (Susan) of Torrence, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 31, 1996, at the Ohde Funeral Home, Manning, with Reverend Marshall Brown, First Presbyterian Church, Manning. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin. Honorary casket bearers were Earl Stribe and Norman Scott. Casket bearers were Robert Kruse, Lonnie Campbell, Richard Wooster, Lynn Kruse, Ron Hodne and Russell Stribe.