

Merwin Fritz (Bus) Mattox, 81

Feb. 23, 1912 - Jan. 3, 1994

Shelby -- Merwin Fritz (Bus) Mattox was born on a farm south of Minden Feb. 23, 1912. He was the son of Frank and Paula Petersen Mattox. He was one of two sons in the family. The family moved to a farm south of Shelby and Bus attended the Shelby High School and graduated in 1929.

He married Esther Groman Feb. 23, 1935 at Omaha, NE. They made their home on a farm south of Shelby for a few years until moving to the home farm. They were engaged in farming, but especially feeding cattle. He was recognized for more than 50 years of shipping to and from the Omaha Livestock Market. He was honored in 1987 at the Pioneer Patrons Recognition Banquet. He was a member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church, Past Master of Silentia Lodge #371 A.F. & A.M. in Shelby. He had been a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years. They moved from the farm to their home in Shelby in the mid 1970's. He died at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs Jan. 3, 1994 at age 81 years, 10 months and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Warren Mattox. Survivors are his wife, Esther, presently a resident of the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in



Avoca, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Masonic Services were by Silentia Lodge #371, Shelby. Funeral services were held Jan. 6, 1994 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Gerald Oliver officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Casket bearers were Michael Mattox, Mark Tennigkeit, David Whitmore, David Hipnar, Ashley Mattox, Paul Peterson and Larry Ploen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.