

## **Esther Mattox, 90**

*Jan. 7, 1911 – Oct. 6, 2001*

**SHELBY** – Esther Laural Groman Mattox was born Jan. 7, 1911, on a farm south of Minden, daughter of Ferdinand and Elizabeth Thies Groman, and was one of three children in the family. She graduated from Minden High School and went on to attend Teachers College at Cedar Falls.

Esther taught country school for a short time before her marriage to Merwin "Bus" Mattox Feb. 23, 1935, in Omaha, NE. They made their home south of Shelby, for a few years, before moving to the home place. They were engaged in farming and cattle feeding, in particular. They received recognition for shipping cattle to the Omaha Livestock Market for over 50 years of patronage. In the mid 1970's they moved to their home in Shelby. Esther was a member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, and was a Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had been a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center since December of 1993. She died Oct. 6, 2001, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 90 years, eight months and 29 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, "Bus"; and her two brothers, Walter and Elmer. She is survived by her nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 9, 2001, at the Knutson Funeral Home with Pastor Craig zumBrunnen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Ashley Mattox, George Koziol, David Hipnar, Mark Tennigkeit, David Whitmore, Ed Elseman and Michael Mattox.