

Frank and Elsie Messerschmidt

SHELBY – Frank and Elsie Messerschmidt were long-term Shelby residents. Frank was born there March 8, 1908, and Elsie was born on a farm near Shelby Sept. 6, 1915.

They were married in 1937 and raised their three children in Shelby. During World War II, Frank served in the Army in California. Following their return to Shelby, he and Elsie worked for Kiesel Implement and Trucking. Frank also served terms as city councilman, mayor of Shelby, and president of the Shelby Community School Board. In 1974, they retired to Hendersonville, NC where they were active in volunteer programs for the aged. In 1987, they moved to Gainesville, FL to be near their daughter, Dianne. Frank died there in February, 1996, and Elsie in January, 2003.

They are survived by their sons, David (Carole) of Baltimore; Daniel (Connie) of Lynchburg, VA; and daughter, Dianne Buhr (Ken); four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Frank and Elsie Messerschmidt will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 25 at the Shelby Cemetery in Shelby. Friends and relatives are invited to attend the service and a gathering of remembrance following the service at the Shelby Community Hall.