

Charlie Nielsen, 89

April 7, 1908 - Dec. 5, 1997

SHELBY - Charlie Nielsen was born April 7, 1908, in Adair County, son of Mads and Anna Johansen Nielsen. He was one of seven children born to that union. His family moved to Shelby in 1921. He attended Shelby School and graduated in 1927.

He married Doris Robinson Jan. 24, 1938 in Tabor. They were the parents of two sons, Gary and Ted. Charlie was engaged in farming until his retirement in 1975. They then moved from their farm to their current residence in Shelby. He raised Clydesdale horses and was a member of the Shelby Saddle Club. He was a member of the Shelby Methodist Church. He and Doris had been married for 59 years. He died Dec. 5, 1997, at Jennie Edmundsen Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 89 years, seven months and 28 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters-in-law, Joella and Marianna; two grandchildren; Jodie Lynn and Justin Lee; one sister, Marie Pedersen; two brothers, John and Louie, and a half brother, Soren Johansen. He is survived by his wife, Doris of Shelby; their two sons, Gary of Eldon, MO and Ted of Shelby; two sisters, Nina Rihner of Shelby and Scena Lucke of Minden; one granddaughter, Dana Carroll of Columbia, MO; three step grandchildren, Tammi Ketchum, Holly Gore and Todd Frerk; four step great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 8, 1997, at the Shelby Methodist Church with Pastor Walter J. Bernard, Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Derald Graybill, Melvin Nelsen, Jim Zimmerman, Jesse Pike, Dave Robinson and Fred Klahn. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.