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Grant J. Rihner, 80

SHELBY - Grant John Rihner was born on Aug. 10, 1907 in Pottawattamie county. He was the son of John and Mary Olsen Rihner. He was one of eight children in the family. In 1917 the family moved into Shelby to make their home.

He married Ellen Jorgensen on July 1, 1935 at Papillion, NE. They made their home in Shelby where he operated the Shelby Produce and Feed Store for several years. In 1946 Grant and his brother Roy built the cement block building at the north end of the business district and were in the implement and automobile business. He then worked for the Farmers Elevator in Shelby until his retirement. He was a member of the United Lutheran Church in Shelby. They were the parents of eight children. She died Jan. 14, 1981 and in March of 1981 he became a resident of the Little Flower Nursing Home in Earling.

He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan on June 18, 1988 at age 80 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ellen; one sister, Florence Rihner; four brothers, Roy, Raymond, Lester and John, JR. He is survived by his children, Ritch Rihner of Seal Beach, CA; Kay Louis of Chicago, IL; Judy Czjakowski of Omaha, NE; Sue Schnepel of Omaha, NE; Pat Morris of Shelby; Becci (Mrs Bob) Miller of Omaha, NE; John Rihner of Carson, CA and Jeff Rihner of Temecula, CA; 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; one sister, Phyllis St. John of San Bernadino, CA and one brother, Russell Rihner of Omaha, NE; besides nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were June 21, 1988 at the United Lutheran Church in Shelby with Pastor Stan Nielsen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Eddie McKinley, Mike Sturgeon, Tom Rihner, Bob Davis, Leo Milano and Jim Lykke as casket bearers. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.