

## **William Frederick Rohrs, 92**

**Oct. 24, 1898 — May 28, 1991**

**SHELBY** – William Frederick Rohrs was born Oct. 24, 1898 on the Rohrs farm three miles east of Shelby. His parents were Frederick Rohrs and Matilda (Bohlander) Rohrs. He was one of two children in the family. In 1900, he moved with his parents to the Rohrs farm one mile south of Shelby, where he has since resided. He attended Shelby Public School, grades 1 through 9, and 2 quarters at Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

At age 10, he became his father's right hand man and farmed, raised livestock, through both horse and mechanical ages. He was a prolific reader in self education, using this he developed his many talents. He became well known in the surrounding area for mechanical, lathe, electrical and forge work. He ran a neighborhood threshing ring and built his own electrical line from town to their home in 1936. He was a violin soloist in the Classics, performing in all three Shelby Churches and the community. He tuned many pianos in the Shelby, Avoca and Hancock Schools and homes for more than 30 years. He was baptized and confirmed in the German Lutheran Church and was a member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church for many years. He was a director on the Shelby cemetery board. He died at Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca, May 28, 1991, where he was a resident for two years, at age 92 years, 7 months and 4 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors are his sister, Emma Rohrs Boehler, and cousins. Funeral services were held May 31, 1991, at the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby, with Rev. Vince Nelson, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Casketbearers were Jesse Pike, Dwight Eckel, Steve Evans, Robert Jensen, Delmar Von Eschen, and Donald Jensen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.