

Allen Scheel, 76

AVOCA - Allen Henry Scheel was born March 17, 1914 in Fairview Twp., Shelby county. He was the son of Henry and Christina Holst Scheel. He was one of five children in the family. He attended country school near his home and the Avoca High School and graduated with the class of 1934.

He married Maxine Rieck of Walnut, Aug. 6, 1938. He was engaged in farming and was the third generation to farm the family farm northwest of Avoca. His health began to fail in 1965 and shortly thereafter he rented out the farm. In Oct. of 1976, they moved to their new home in Avoca. In March of 1977, he entered the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca. They were the parents of three children, Diane, Allen and Polly. He was baptized and a confirmed member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. He was a past member of the Avoca Community Club, and was active in Shelby County Democratic politics. He was a person who was dedicated to the land and family.

He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, June 28, 1990 at the age of 76.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Howard and Ferdinand and one nephew, Midshipman Thomas Youtz. He is survived by his wife, Maxine; their children, Diane Polley (John) of Dallas, TX.; Allen F. of Springfield, VA.; Polly (Ray) Kostele of Downers Grove, IL.; five grandchildren; two sisters, Lillian, Mrs M.C. Siebels of Co. Bluffs and Henrietta Youtz (Howard) of LaVerne, CA.; one niece, Sandra Price of Minden and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 2, 1990 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Dean Sudman, and Mr. Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant, officiating. Honorary casketbearers were Joseph W. Davis, Raymond Thomsen, Edwin Doll, Earl Sievers, Herbert Olesen and William Goodyear. Casketbearers were Gene Mohr, George Wise, Dr. Gary Johnson, Lon Nelsen, Francis Wise and Wylie King. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.