

Eldo Schornhorst, Sr., 99

June 24, 1902 – Oct. 1, 2001

WAVERLY – Eldo William Schornhorst, Sr. was born June 24, 1902, on a farm north of Waverly, the son of Frederick and Martha (Michael) Schornhorst. He was baptized July 27, 1902 and confirmed April 16, 1916, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He attended St. Paul's Lutheran School through the eighth grade and then attended Waverly High School, graduating in 1921. After high school he attended Wartburg College for one year where he took an accounting course. In 1922, he went to Chicago, IL, where he worked for Western Electric until 1933.

While in Illinois, he married Mildred Krefft June 14, 1924, in Oak Park, IL. To this union two children were born, Eldo, Jr. and Florene. In 1933; the family moved back to Waverly and Eldo started working at Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance (CUNA Mutual) in 1935, retiring in 1967. Mildred died in 1988 and Eldo continued to live in his home until he became a resident of the Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community Sept. 20, 2001. For many years he was an active member of the Izaak Walton League. He was also a longtime member of the St. John Lutheran Church serving in many capacities including chairman of the congregation. He died Oct. 1, 2001, at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community of natural causes at age 99.

Eldo was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mildred in 1988; a daughter, Florene in 1998; two brothers, Ervin and Werner Schornhorst; and a sister, Lucille Voecks-Shock. He is survived by his son, Eldo Schornhorst, Jr. (DaMaris) of Harlan; two grandchildren, Steven E. Schornhorst (Doris) of Iowa City; Joyce Edfors (Tom) of Lake Mills, WI; three great grandchildren, Jenny Winegarden (Mat) of West Branch; Matt Schornhorst of Austin, TX; and Anna Schornhorst of Iowa City; a great great grandson, Christopher Winegarden of West Branch; and cousins.

Funeral services were held Oct. 4, 2001, at St. John Lutheran Church in Waverly, with Pastor Larry Sipe officiating. Burial was in the Harlington Cemetery in Waverly. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.