

## Edgar Wahling, 76

**SHELBY** - Edgar John Henry Wahling was born on a farm near Loyal, OK., to Emiel and Anna Flemming Wahling on Oct. 3, 1912. At age 4 years he moved with his parents and brother to a farm east of Shelby and resided there for 62 years. He was confirmed in the Shelby Lutheran Church and remained a life long member, serving two terms on the church board. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1931 and began farming the home place in 1934. He spent his life as a farmer-cattleman.

He married Mada Colene Barnard on Feb. 16, 1936 at Kingfisher County, OK., and they moved to a farm west of Shelby in 1975 to begin semi-retirement. He received the S.C.O. Community Achievement Award. In 1948 he was a delegate to the first Watershed Congress in the U.S. He served many years as an assistant to the Soil Conservation Board and shared with his family the "State of Iowa Soil Conservation Achievement Award". He was a board member of the Farmer's Savings Bank, Shelby Medical Center and the Shelby Rural Water District. He served 27 years on the board of cooperatives of the Farm Service Company, the Waterloo Service Company and Farmland Foods. He was a member of the Silentia Masonic Lodge in Shelby and the Abu Bekr Shrine Temple in Sioux City. He died Aug. 5, 1989 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs at 76 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Emiel, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Mada; four sons, Jon of Columbus, OH.; Eugene, Dennis and David all of Shelby; seven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the United Lutheran Church, Shelby with Pastor Stan Nielsen officiating. Burial was in Shelby cemetery with Milton Ponzer, Dennis Huttman, Kenneth Buman, William Ahrenholtz, Don Heath, Albert Pike, George Wise and Mark Welbourne as honorary casketbearers. Gary Damgaard, Vernon Bauer, Richard Goshorn, Jan Flemming, George Wise and Mark Welbourne served as casketbearers.