

## **William Otto Wede, 64**

**Jan. 10, 1931 - Jan. 15, 1995**

**Shelby** - William Otto Wede was born at Elmhurst, IL Jan. 10, 1931. He was the son of Albert and Lydia Kiesel Wede and was one of four sons in the family. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps Feb. 25, 1952 and was discharged Feb. 24, 1954.

He married Betty Jane Champlin July 29, 1951 at the Shelby Lutheran Church. They were the parents of three children. He drove for Kiesel Implement Company in Shelby and also operated a service station with his brother, Alfred, until moving to their farm north of Neola. They farmed for 31 years. He was a member of the United Lutheran Church, the American Legion Post #240, both in Shelby, and the Harrison County Cattlemen's Association. He retired from farming in 1991 and in 1992, they moved to their home in Shelby. He died at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE Jan. 15, 1995 at age 64 years and 5 days.

He was preceded in death by his father and is survived by his wife Betty, their children; Ronald Wede (Brenda) of Exira, Donna Wede of Waterloo and Conale (Gary) Johnson of Brayton, seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, his mother, Lydia Wede of Mo. Valley, three brothers; Ernest Wede (Alice) of Mo. Valley, Alfred Wede (Gen) of Atlantic, Raymond Wede (Audrie) of Gray, a brother-in-law, Bill Champlin (Rosemary) of Phoenix, AZ and a sister-in-law, Bonnie (Ken) Perrin of Persia, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 18, 1995 at the United Lutheran Church, Shelby with Pastor Stan Nielsen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Military graveside rites were by Shelby Legion Post #240. Casket bearers were: Rod Floerchinger, David Manhart, David Andersen, Alan Oltmanns, Eugene Wahling and Richard Goshorn. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.