

Lawrence E. Brown, 69

Oct. 22, 1921 — Aug. 30, 1991

SHELBY — Lawrence Ellsworth Brown was born Oct. 22, 1921 at Shelby. He was the first son of P.L. and Elva Schnackel Brown. He grew up in Shelby, and was active in the church and certainly around the home place, helping with the dairy and the tile business. After graduating from the Shelby High School in 1940, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, training as a civilian in radio repair and communications in Des Moines, then entering the regular Army Signal Corps. He served with honor in the South Pacific until hostilities ceased in the Second World War. He was mustered out as an Technical Sergeant. Upon returning to Shelby, he maintained the Dairy for a time, then went on to Chicago, where he later graduated from Coyne Electronics Institute. He worked with O.N. Croft in his electrical business, on Main Street, during the "50's", later assuming ownership. He was electrical superintendent for Shelby for 35 years, served on the town council for a period of years, and was Man of the Year for Shelby Community Organization in 1979. Other interest included being Scout Master in the B.S.A., a loyal member of the American Legion, and an active participant of Gideons International. He was Lay Leader of the Shelby Methodist Church, a member of the Shelby Fire Dept., and was affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

He married Ruby Eble in Sept. of 1958 and they enjoyed many



happy years. He died Aug. 30, 1991 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 69 years.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; as well as a brother, Paul Brown (Beth) of Omaha, NE.; sisters, Dorothy Brown Sheldon of Falls Church, VA., and Helen Brown Hawn (Wayne) of Crawfordville, GA.; nieces, nephews and cousins; by an aunt, Bessie Schnackel Haas of Shelby.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2, 1991 at the United Methodist Church in Shelby with Rev. Kate Bell, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.