

**Robert Dale Buck,**  
**94**

**Aug. 4, 1923 - Feb. 22, 2018**

**SHELBY** – Robert Dale Buck, son of Roscoe August and Lillian Katherine (Matthiessen) Buck, was born on August 4, 1923, on a farm near Portsmouth, Harrison County. His father died in an accident when he was eight years old. Robert attended country school in Panama, until the second grade, when the family moved to Shelby. He then attended Shelby schools, graduating with the Class of 1943. While he was in high school, Robert drove truck for Elmer Kiesel Trucking.



Robert was drafted into the United States Army in August 1943. He served 16 months stateside and 16 months overseas in England, France, and Germany with the 573rd Anti-aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, and attained the rank of Sergeant. He was discharged from the Service in April 1946.

On February 15, 1947, Robert married Aletha Frances Staub in Council Bluffs. The couple made their home on a farm north of Shelby, where they lived until 1964 when they moved to an acreage located on the north edge of Shelby. Robert worked fulltime for the Shelby Elevator while also driving truck for Clarence Kiesel Trucking as needed. He then went to work for the Iowa Highway Roads Department in Neola. He retired in 1990.

Robert was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby, where he had served on the church board. He was a former school board member and a member of the American Legion Post #240, Shelby, of which he was Past Commander. Robert truly enjoyed working outdoors, and took the opportunity to help many area farmers.

Robert D. Buck died on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan. He had reached the age of 94 years, six months, and 18 days.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lowell Buck and Roscoe Buck; and four sisters, Veta Bock, Mildred Whannell, Lois Mortensen, and Alta Hamilton.

Robert is survived by his wife of 71 years, Aletha Buck of Shelby; three daughters, Terry Larson of Topeka, KS, Rebekah (John) Lambrix of Rochester, NY, and Cynthia (Mark) Tuttle of Urbandale; two sons, Robert H. Buck of Shelby, and David (Traci) Buck of Elkhorn, NE; four sisters, Bessie Langer of Council Bluffs, Vera (Wayne) Raasch of Harlan, Edna Barton of Colorado Springs, CO, and Retha Buck of New York, NY; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby, with Mr. Steve Kiesel officiating. Georgene Juhl served as organist, and Bonnie Peters was the soloist. Casket bearers were John Mark Larson, Eric Larson, Jeff Buck, Chad Dennler, Jay Lambrix, Norm Bock, Dan Heilig, Rex Whannell, and Jim Trede. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion Post #240, Shelby. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery.

The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Shelby was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.burmeisterjohannsen.com](http://www.burmeisterjohannsen.com).

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