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## **Ethel Essie Delph, 88**

**Dec. 13, 1904 - Nov. 26, 1993**

**Shelby-** Ethel Essie Delph was born on a farm east of Shelby Dec. 13, 1904. She was the daughter of Clarence and Nora Smith Cunningham. She was one of four daughters in the family. She attended the Shelby School.

She married Ray Delph, May 21, 1924 at the Methodist Parsonage in Co. Bluffs. They made their home in Shelby and were the parents of six children. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Shelby, the American Legion Auxiliary and served as Past Noble Grand of the Rebeckah Lodge in Shelby. Ray died June 11, 1947. She died in her sleep at her home Nov. 26, 1993 at age 88 years, 11 months and 13 days.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ray, two sons; Everette and Elmer, a granddaughter, Kelly Marie Foster, a son-in-law, Glen Foster and two brothers-in-law; Emil Krohn and Alvin Sams. She is survived by four daughters; Evelyn Foster and Lois Delph, both of Shelby, Alice(Elmer) Shriver of Atlantic and Mary (Virgil) Hennager of Co. Bluffs, a daughter-in-law; Phyllis Delph of Co. Bluffs, six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; three sisters; Vera Krohn and Gladys Sams of Avoca and Pearl (Harvey) Nelsen of Harlan, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 29, 1993 at the First Presbyterian Church, Shelby with Rev. Gerard Kuyk officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Casket bearers were Keith Peterson, Ralph Eggerss, Ronald Eggerss, Melvin Nelson, David Andersen and Jim Juhl. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.