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Wilbur R. Johnson, 74

SHELBY – Wilbur Raymond Johnson was born in Shelby County, April 6, 1914, the son of William and Katie Damgaard Johnson, one of two children in the family.

He married Evelyn Pingel Dec. 20, 1942 at Shelby. He started farming in 1940. In 1955 he purchased blacksmith shop equipment and moved it to the farm. He also had livestock and especially enjoyed raising feeder pigs. They were the parents of two daughters. They lived on the farm until his health began to fail and in 1969 they built their home and moved into Shelby. He was a member of United Lutheran Church in Shelby. He died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital, Co. Bluffs, March 27, 1989 at age 74 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Walter. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two daughters, Katherine (Mrs Bill) Barrett of Shelby and Virginia (Mrs Kenneth) Gibson of Iowa City; five grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 31, 1989 at United Lutheran Church, Shelby with Pastor Stan Nielsen officiating. Burial was in Shelby cemetery, with casketbearers Vernon Bauer, Dennis Arentsen, Tom Rihner, Ronald Eggerss, Eugene Wahling and Ron Kroll. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.