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Simon Pike, 78

SHELBY – Simon Herman Pike was born in Botna on Dec. 31, 1910. He was the son of Adolph and Mary Kuhn Pike. He was one of seven children in the family. While he was a child, the family moved to several farms in Shelby County. He attended country school and also the Defiance School. As a young man, he worked on several farms in the area until 1943 when he entered the Army during WW II. He served in the Pacific Theater and was attached to the 773rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion. He was discharged from the Army in Feb. of 1946. He returned to Shelby to make his home. He was employed by the Fullerton Lumber Company for many years. He worked for them in both Shelby and Avoca until his retirement. He was a member of the United Lutheran Church in Shelby. The past 18 months he has made his home in Keystone, IA.

He died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, NE on July 8, 1989 at the age of 78 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Sarah Jensen and three brothers, Ernest, Pike, Walter Pike and Harry Pike. Survivors include his fiancée, Arleta Linton of Keystone; two brothers, Albert Pike and Jesse Pike all of Shelby; five nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held July 11, 1989 at United Lutheran Church, Shelby. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Honorary casketbearers were Everett Starnier and Leslie Linn. Casketbearers were Herbert Henningsen, Clarence Thies, Harold Nihsen, Kenneth Petersen, Kenneth Eggerss and Virgil Nihsen. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.