

Delbert A. Pingel, 78

SHELBY — Delbert Alvin Pingel was born in Shelby on April 9, 1909. He was the son of Carl Ludwig Pingel and his wife Anna Dorothea Jensen.

He married Lula Thomsen on March 20, 1937 at Camanche. They made their home on their farm northeast of Shelby until their retirement in 1980 when they moved to Shelby. He was active in the Shelby Lutheran Church where he was a Sunday school teacher, served on the church board and was treasurer of the church. He also served as vice president of the cemetery association. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in March of 1987. He died at the Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Jan. 14, 1988 at age 78 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and he is survived by his wife Lula; one sister, Evelyn (Mrs Wilbur) Johnson of Shelby; two half sisters, Gertrude Williamson of Julesburg, CO and Dorothy (Mrs Raymond) Lechman of Iliff, CO; one half brother, Arthur Pingel also living in Colorado besides nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Jan. 18, 1988 at the United Lutheran Church in Shelby with Pastor Stan Nielsen, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Gary Damgaard, David Andersen, Gary Thomsen, William Barrett Jr., George Mortensen and Franz Kardell serving as casket bearers. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.