

Jesse Pike, 87 ✓

March 5, 1919 - April 15, 2006

SHELBY — Jesse Andrew Pike was born March 5, 1919, a first generation American, the son of Adolph Pike, a native of Canada, and Mary Kuhn, a native of East Prussia, Germany. He grew up near Shelby; graduated from Shelby High School in 1938; and served in the United States Navy during World War II where he was a gunner's mate on the heavy cruiser, U.S.S. Portland, for seven years. He farmed for a short time and was employed by the Shelby County Road Maintenance Department when he retired. He was an active member of his Shelby community where he participated in the American Legion, Writers Bloc, Community Club, various committees and organizations and faithfully served the United Lutheran Church. He died April 15, 2006, at age 87 years, one month and 10 days.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Ernest, Walter, Harry, Simon and Albert; and one sister, Sarah Jensen. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Edna; his stepdaughter, Mary Lee Barnett; two grandchildren, Ross (Gail) Barnett and Darby (Chad) Taylor, all of Des Moines; four nieces and nephews, Sarah Smith, Neil Jensen, Nancy Armstrong and Steven Pike.

Funeral services were held April 19, 2006, at the United Lutheran Church in Shelby, with Pastor Duane Anunson officiating. Casket bearers were members of the Shelby American Legion Post #240. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery, Shelby, with military rites by the Shelby American Legion Post # 240. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca, in charge of arrangements.