

## Edward William Thiles, 95 ✓

Sept. 18, 1896 — April 6, 1992

**WOODBINE** — Edward William Thiles, son of Henry and Ada McColl Thiles, was born Sept. 18, 1896, on a farm northwest of Panama. He was the eldest of four children. He died April 6, 1992, at Rose Vista Home, which had been his home the past four years. He was educated in rural schools in Shelby and Harrison counties. He completed the 8th grade and was an avid reader. He then helped his father on the farm until entering the military service in 1918, during WWI. He served some time with a hospital unit in France before discharged. He then returned to Iowa and the farm.

He married Cecil Kohl Aug. 20, 1991. To this union eight children were born. They farmed in Shelby and Harrison counties until 1962 when they retired and moved to Woodbine. He was a school board member and a township trustee for many years and served on other committees as long as he was able. He was a 70 year member of the American Legion and the last WWI Veteran of Woodbine. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Woodbine.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two sisters; one brother; one son and one daughter. Survivors include one son, William (Bill) of Watson, MO.; five daughters, Darlene Kelley of Woodbine; Betty Montemurro of Long Beach, Ca.; Ada (Mrs Ken) Mesenbrink of DeBorgia, MT.; Claire (Mrs Earl) Kelley of Panama; and Donna (Mrs James) Archer of Mo. Valley; 41 grandchildren; 73 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 9, 1992, at the First United Methodist church with Rev. DeLane Wright, officiating. Burial was in the Woodbine cemetery. Casketbearers were Everett Thiles, Don Archer, Delton Zuern, Roy Thiles, Richard Archer, and Warren Kelley.