

Donald Volkens, 70

Dec. 10, 1927 - Dec. 21, 1997

SHELBY - Donald Edward Volkens was born at Treynor, Dec. 10, 1927, son of Henry and Emma Schroeder Volkens. He attended school at Treynor until the family moved to the farm near Shelby, in March of 1937. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1946. He continued to farm.

He married Dorothy Lewis Jan. 22, 1950, at Columbus Junction. They were the parents of three children, Jean, David and Lynn. They resided on Western Avenue in Shelby until moving to their present farm in 1977. He was a member of the Shelby Methodist Church and a retired member of the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department. He was a strong supporter of the Shelby school athletic program and kept scorebook for many years. In May of 1996, he completed 43 years as school bus driver for the Shelby school system. He died at his residence Dec. 21, 1997, at age 70 years and 11 days.

He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; his mother, Emma, a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center; their children, Jean (Glee) Goodner of Cresco; David Volkens (Sharon) of Williamsburg; and Lynn Volkens of Black Hawk, CO; six grandchildren, Andy and Ben Goodner, Michael and Evan Volkens and Calvin and Emma Berg, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23, 1997, at the United Methodist Church, Shelby, with Rev. Walter Bernard, Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Bob Becker, Matt Rieber, Rod Robinson, Craig Constable, Danny Robinson and Nick Rosenow. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.