

## Allen Blumer, 81

*Jan. 5, 1921 - May 10, 2002*

**SHELBY** - Allen Curtis Blumer was born Jan. 5, 1921, in Minden, son of Arthur and Elva Mischler Blumer and was one of four children in the family. He attended school in Shelby, and graduated with the Class of 1938.

He married Joyce Helen Evans June, 8, 1945, in Clarinda. They were the parents of three children, Steven, Douglass and Sheila. They farmed all their lives until 1968. He then took a job with Farm Service Coop in Neola, and later he went to work for his son, Doug, at Doug's Auto. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, a member of the Encampment, a member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church, and was also a Farm Bureau Board member for many years. He died May 10, 2002, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 81 years, four months and five days.

His parents; his son, Steven, who died in infancy, and two sisters, Victorine Merryman and Dorothy Blumer, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; his son, Doug; his daughter, Sheila (Ron) Kroll, all of Shelby; three granddaughters, Staci (Tim) Ploen of Minden; Renae and Ashley Kroll, both of Shelby, and twin great granddaughters, Kelsey and Kaitlin Ploen of Minden; one sister, Joann Wilson of California, and other relatives.

Graveside services were held May 13, 2002, at the Shelby Cemetery with Pastor Craig zumBrunnen officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Delmar Patten, Harold Nihsen, Roscoe Buck, Bob Buck and Alvin Jensen. Casket bearers were Lyle Rodenburg, Delmar Von Eschen, Melvin Blumer, Harold Lippke, Keith Dahir and Bill Defenbaugh. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

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