



THEODORE BERNARD SCHULTE

August 22, 1917 - July 10, 2011

Theodore Bernard Schulte died Sunday, July 10, 2011 at Caledonia Care and Rehab at age of 93. He was born on the Schulte home farm in Waterloo Township on Aug. 22, 1917 to Bernard and Mary ((Roerkohl) Schulte.

He married Leonedes Welscher on June 23, 1942 and together they farmed and raised seven children.

Along with his farming, he did custom farm work. Owning one of the first hay balers in the area, he started custom baling and then shelling corn and combining beans and oats. He also sold fertilizer and trucked machinery as well as crown vetch. He kept a diary for more than 70 years,

Paying attention to his farm equipment, he made improvements to his cornpicker and also developed and sold a guide to increase efficiency of silo unloaders. Both inventions were patented. He served on the Waterloo township board for nearly 45 years which included directorships on the fire departments of Eitzen and Spring Grove, MN.

He will be remembered by his family as a hard worker, for his great interest in farming and for his many sayings that were intended to teach, which became known as "Schulte-isms."

He is survived by daughters, Jean (Ellert) Mindrum, Rose (Paul) Weichert both of Caledonia, MN, Marion (Kenneth) Gordon of Fountain Hills, AZ, and Virginia Schulte of LaCrosse; sons, Chuck (Sharon) Schulte of Caledonia, Leo Schulte and Keith (Jenette) Schulte of Dorchester, IA; sisters, Luella Bakewell of Waukon, IA, Leona Doviak of Milwaukee, Anna Klemz of Warren, MI, and Marcella Alberti of Milwaukee, as well as 15 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 8 step great grandchildren and 10 step great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Leonedes of 53 years, his parents, his son in law, James Scanlan, his grandson Patrick Scanlan, and his sisters, Veronica Bakewell, Mary Hammell and Lucille Thompson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 am, Sat. July 16 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Dorchester, IA. Rev. Donald Bakewell, his nephew, will officiate and burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Dorchester. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 pm, Friday at McCormick Funeral Home, 205 E. Main, Caledonia and one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday morning.

McCormick Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.