

**KENNETH CHARLES
THUMME
1920 - 1987**

Long-time Elkton businessman, civic leader and former educator Kenneth Thumme, 67 of Elkton, who passed away Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

He was born Jan. 8, 1920 in Farmington, son of the late Charles John and Leatha Mae (Brown) Thumme. He was united in marriage to Esther Liken on June 21, 1941 in Sebewaing.

Mr. Thumme graduated from Plymouth High School, earning a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti and his master's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He taught science and math for one year at Montgomery High School and in the fall of 1941, came to Elkton, where he taught science, math, and served as principal and coach. From 1947 to 1950, Mr. Thumme taught at St. Louis High School.

He then returned to Elkton, where he bought out the Ben Parkhurst Insurance Agency, renaming it the Thumme Insurance Agency, which he owned and operated until his retirement in 1982. He also was employed at H & R Block, Elkton office, for 12 years.

Mr. Thumme was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, served as past president of the Elkton Rotary Club, served on the Elkton Village Council for 14 years, and was affiliated with the Independent Insurance Agents Association and Professional Insurance Agents Association.

He is survived by his wife, Esther; two daughters, Mrs. Willard (Annette) McGlothren of Cantonment, Fla. and Mrs. Donald (Lynn) Groth of Greendale, Wis.; one son, Kenneth L. of Elkton and seven grandchildren.

One sister, Mildred Pinnow, preceded him in death, earlier in December.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 2 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Rev. Paul D. Schleis officiated with burial in the Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, handled the funeral arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

