

April 1, 2007

## Obit: Charles Thomas

- Services for Charles Thomas, 96, of Redfield and formerly of Conde will be 11:00am, Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the United Methodist Church, Conde. Pastor Jan Price and Rev. Hubert "Hub" Nelson will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

- Visitation will be held Monday at the church for one hour prior to services.

- Charles died March 25, 2007 at the Eastern Star Home in Redfield.

- Charles Ewing Thomas was born to Chester Charles and Emma Bessie (Ewing) Thomas March 29, 1910 at Turton, SD. He graduated from Turton High School in

1927. Charles married Helen Funk Place, October 6, 1955. They moved to Huron, SD in September 1979 and they moved back to Conde in June 1983. Helen preceded him in death, June 27, 1987

- Charles farmed for 50 years. He was Benton Township Clerk for 11 years and was Secretary of the Conde Farmers Elevator Board of Directors for over 20 years. He was the first member to be elected to the Conde Civic Development Association Board of Directors. He was the Treasurer in 1949 when the gym was built and was president in 1950.

- Charles was Past Master of the Conde Masonic Lodge, Past Patron of Bethel Chapter #102 of the Eastern Star. He was a member of the Aberdeen Scottish Rite Bodies and Yelduz Shrine. He had a Permanent Contributing Membership for Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children.

- Charles was a member of the Conde United Methodist Church. He was Church Treasurer several years and chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was a member of the Conde Senior Citizens and President in 1985. Charles was a member of the Conde City Council for a number of years. He was a member of Conde School Board when they first took in surrounding townships.

- He is survived by a stepson, Robert J. Place and wife Carol of Huron and their three sons; Tom, Ron and Mike and their families. Survivors also include two sisters, Wilma Smith of Peoria, AZ, and JoAnn Pederson and husband Jerry of Edina, MN; one niece and three nephews and their families. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, three sisters, and four siblings in infancy.

- Casketbearers will be Scott Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Ron Westby, Ron Worlie, Matt Groeblichhoff and Ron Bawek.

