

obit. - Sherman, Vinton

VINTON J. SHERMAN

Vinton J. Sherman, 94, lifelong Eagle resident and long-time operator of the V.J. Sherman Groceries and Meat Store, died Saturday, June 22 at the Woodland Health Center in Brookfield after a one-month stay.

Sherman operated the grocery store along with his wife Eulalia, for 47 years, making it the village's longest-operating business under a single proprietor. The couple retired from the retail business in 1968.

Vinton, of 119 Main Street, had been a volunteer fireman, a member of the Lions Club and member of the Village Board. He is survived by nieces and nephews.

Services for Vinton Sherman were held on Tuesday, June 25 at the Mealy Funeral Home in Eagle. Burial was held Wednesday, June 26 in St. Theresa Cemetery in Eagle.

Memorials may be made to the Alice Baker Memorial Library in Eagle.

EDITORS NOTE - The following article on Vinton Sherman was written some years ago by the Palmyra High School Journalism Class. We reprint it now for your enjoyment.

V.J. Sherman has lived in Eagle ever since the day he was born, as did many of his ancestors. He ran a small grocery store until he retired about five years ago.

V.J. lives with his wife, Eulalia, above Sherman's Store where they have run the business together for the past 60 years. His wife, the former Miss Eulalia Clohisy was also born and raised in Eagle, where her father worked as a blacksmith.

V.J., before working at his mother's store, worked at Brittingham and Hixon's Lumber Yard and drove a team of horses for the livery barn, which at the time acted as their taxi service for people going to and from the train.

Many years ago, V.J. served as a volunteer fireman, belonged to the Lions Club and was a member of the Village Board, but has long since settled back into just raising a few geese and ducks on a shady plot of land outside Eagle.

"Eagle had more business back then, than it does now," commented Sherman. "There were two barber shops, three or four grocery shops, two blacksmith shops, two hotels, a creamery, a mill, a hardware store, a harness shop, a shoe shop, a meat market, a newspaper, a livery barn and at least 10 trains going through a day. All the farmers around Eagle would bring their milk in cans to the loading dock, where the train would deliver them to market."

"I always enjoyed doing business with the people in Eagle," reminisces V.J. Sherman.

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There are no immediate survivors.



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