

# Ray D. Sheldon

SIDNEY — Ray D. Sheldon, 89, died on Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at the Oneonta Nursing Home.

He is survived by his wife, E. Belle (Peg), a loving family of children, grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, at the First Baptist Church, Sidney.

Friends may call Wednesday; the family will be in attendance from 6 to 8 p.m. at the C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel, 21 Main St., Sidney.

He will be buried in Roosevelt Cemetery near Central Square at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Mr. Sheldon was born July 7, 1913, to Clara and Burke J. Sheldon.

He graduated as valedictorian in 1931 from Central Square High School. He returned there to teach from 1935 to 1940 after graduating from State University College at Oswego, with a degree in Industrial Arts and Elementary School Education. He did graduate work at SUC

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Oswego, New York University and Syracuse University. He taught at Haldane Central School in Cold Spring, prior to moving to Sidney, where he taught for 30 years.

He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Sidney, where he served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent, and as a member and chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Mr. Sheldon served as a Boy Scout leader, a longtime adviser to high school Student Council and the Foreign Student Exchange program, a hospital and library volunteer and a member of the Town of Sidney Planning Board.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, E. Belle (Peg) Sheldon; son Stuart, wife, Carol, and children, Bethany and Mark.; son R. Douglas, wife, Eileen, and children, R. Douglas Sheldon Jr., Kirsten and Alexandra; and daughter, Christina Rae Thayer and children, J. Peter, Matthew and Christal Rae. He is also survived by his very special Romanian-born family, John and Elena Spinu and children.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Sidney.