He is survived by 15 children, Carmen Kay Cordes of Guernsey, Rosemary Neighbors of Malcom, Gary Kriegel of Malcom, Kathy Whitson of Chelsea, Connie Buffum of Grinnell, Debbie Hargis of New Sharon, Cindy Schmidt of Montezuma, Don Kriegel of Holiday Lake, Vickie Bunn of Brooklyn, and Janine Hawkins of Brooklyn; 46 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Lawrence, Glen Joe and Kenny, all of Brooklyn; and two sisters, Gladys Healey of Toledo and Mary Jane Rich of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Carmen, in March of this year; two sons, Elmer and Danny Kriegel; two daughters, Shirley Ahrens and Valerie Schafbuch; nine brothers, Lloyd, Richard, Bill, Melvin, Gerald, Wayne, Louis, Lyle and Elmer; two sisters, Stella Henle and Marge Henle; and one grandson, Todd Allen Kriegel.

James E. Kriegel, 84 of Malcom, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at the Mayflower Home in Grinnell. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn with Father Brian Shepley officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 at Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, where a scripture service will be held at 7 p.m. Memorials may be contributed to the Alzheimer's Foundation, the American Cancer Society or Calvary Cemetery Association, Brooklyn. Online condolences may be extended to the family via the website www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

James Edward Kriegel was born March 30, 1925, in Poweshiek County, the son of John and Mary Roth Kriegel. He attended Poweshiek County schools, married Carmen Cummings on June 22, 1946, and was a life-long farmer in Poweshiek County. He enjoyed playing cards, tinkering with his John Deere tractors and driving his 1931 Model A Ford. He also enjoyed traveling, bird watching and family get-togethers. His greatest pleasure was spending time with his grandchildren. Jim was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn, and the National Catholic Order of Foresters.