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## Owen Doty Wenger, 94

Owen Doty Wenger, age 94 of Brooklyn, died Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at the Grinnell Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 14, at Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Dodds officiating. Burial was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery with military honors. Memorials may be contributed to Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn.

He is survived by his sister, Laura Hall of Brooklyn; two daughters, Bonita Carpenter (Lyle) of Cedar Rapids, and Rhonda Whitehead (Calvin) of Dexter, Mo.; four grandchildren, Michael Owen Carpenter (Melissa) of Ottumwa, Megan Haigh (John) of Fircrest, Wash., Sean Whitehead (Kim) of Sikeston, Mo., and Scott Whitehead of Dexter, Mo.; three great-grandchildren, Madeline Whitehead, and Brynn and Tristan Haigh; along with several cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Beulah; a brother, Alvin R. Wenger; and a sister, Ruth Criswell.

Owen Doty Wenger was born May 20, 1914, in Poweshiek County, the second child of Jacob and Minnie Doty Wenger. He graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1934. He went to work for the Civilian Conservation Corps creating Lake Keomah near Oskaloosa, and later ran a trucking business with his brother, Alvin. Prior to World War II, he owned and operated an automotive repair business in Webster City. Owen served in the U.S. Army during World War II in North Africa, France, and Germany. In 1950, he attended Sioux City Barber College and then worked as a barber in Brooklyn until his retirement. Owen married Beulah Harness on June 4, 1950, in Brooklyn. They were married 53 years. Owen was a lifelong member of Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, and a 60-year member of the Brooklyn American Legion Post 294. He was an avid gardener—known for his abundant crops and his stewardship of the land. Owen was an optimistic person. He was blessed with a sharp mind until the end of his days. He was always grateful for life's many blessings and accepting of life's disappointments.

Online condolences may be extended to the family via the Web site [www.klosterfuneral-home.com](http://www.klosterfuneral-home.com).

