Samuel McNaul, 92

Samuel McNaul, 92, of Grinnell and formerly of Brooklyn, died on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 10, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. John Reynolds, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, officiating. Pianist was Marilyn Kriegel.

Casket Bearers were his grandchildren, Terry and Shawn Kriegel, Toni Douglas, Sam, Amy, Jay and Jordan McNaul, Shannon Ringsmuth, and Tanner and Spencer Meldrem.

Interment was at the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church or to the Brooklyn-Victor Golf Club.

Samuel was born on Feb. 14, 1919, in County Antrim, North Ireland, to John and Mary Jane Moore McNaul. He grew up in County Antrim and attended school there. In 1940, he enlisted in the British Army and fought during World War II in Italy and North Africa.

On Oct. 22, 1947, he was married to Mary “Molly” Coulter in County Antrim. The couple lived in Belfast and he worked at the Belfast Airport. In 1952, the family left North Ireland on a boat and relocated to the United States. They settled in Brooklyn and he worked for the Bramer Furniture Store. In 1956, he joined the Manatt Corporation and worked as a truck driver and manager of the Ready Mix Concrete Plants. The last ten years of his employment with Manatts, he served as the safety director of the company.

The couple moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 1996.

Samuel was a member of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church and he was formerly a member of the Brooklyn City Council and the Brooklyn Kiwanis Club. He was an avid golfer and served as President of the Brooklyn-Victor Golf Club. He enjoyed golfing, dancing, woodworking and bowling.

Survivors include his wife, Molly McNaul, of Grinnell; his children, Mary Kriegel (Walt Jones) of Ankeny, Jim (Kathy) McNaul of St. Paul, Minn., Art (Cindy) McNaul of Des Moines, and Beth (Troy) Meldrem of Brooklyn; ten grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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