Milton S. Cronbaugh, 91

Milton S. Cronbaugh, age 91, of Brooklyn and formerly of Hartwick, died on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, at Brooklyn Community Estate in Brooklyn.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, at St. James Lutheran Church in Victor with the Rev. Michael Kolesar officiating. Interment with military rites was in Rector Cemetery near Chelsea.

Memorials may be designated to the Milton S. Cronbaugh Memorial Fund, PO Box 485, Victor, Iowa 52347. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

Milton was born the son of Albert and Jennie Schroeder Cronbaugh on June 15, 1920, near Kosza. He was raised on the family farm near Belle Plaine and he graduated from Belle Plaine High School with the class of 1938.

Milton honorably served in the United States Army during World War II and he was stationed in Florida, Guam, and at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. He was discharged as sergeant in 1945.

Milton was united in marriage to Bernice Nadine Veit on Jan. 21, 1947, at the Hartwick Congregational Parsonage in Hartwick. The couple lived on their farm near Hartwick where they raised their family. They later moved to the Veit family farm near Brooklyn.

Milton was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Victor where he served as elder and trustee. He served on the Poweshiek County Zoning Commission and was a Jefferson Township trustee. He was a 67 year member of the American Legion at the Harold E. Smith Post No. 54.

Milton enjoyed his farm and was a Master Corn Grower several years. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also enjoyed visiting with many friends and neighbors.

Milton is survived by his wife, Bernice Cronbaugh of Grinnell; his children, Bonnie (Dennis) Moon of Brooklyn, Cherie (Ron) Wauters of Pella, Nick (Pam) Cronbaugh of Hartwick, Crystal (Bill) Van Waus of Victor, Vicki (Steve) Van Nevel of Victor, and Leeann Cronbaugh of Iowa City; 20 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Milton was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings, Louis Cronbaugh, Harley Cronbaugh, Dale Cronbaugh, Dean Cronbaugh, and Wilma Dolmage.