

# Marlan McWilliams, 83

Marlan McWilliams, 83, of Brooklyn and formerly of Guernsey, died Jan. 21, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor with the Rev. John Dodds officiating. Pallbearers were Richard Heishman, Brad, Curt and Greg McWilliams, Kelly Montgomery and Keith Provin. Honorary bearer was Kyle Montgomery. Burial was in the Guernsey Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Marlan was born April 3, 1928, in Guernsey, the son of Leeman John and Vivian Schroeder McWilliams. He was raised in the Guernsey area and was a graduate of Guernsey High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, post-World War II, and was stationed in California where he met and married a "southern belle," Sybil Kelley. After his discharge from the Navy, the couple returned to Iowa.

Marlan worked in Cedar Rapids for a few years and then began working for Poweshiek County and also farmed and raised pure-bred Duroc pigs. After being employed by the county for 18 years operating a road grader, he bought a farm in Poweshiek County and began farming full time in 1972. He retired from farming in 1996 and moved to Brooklyn.

He was a life-long member of the Guernsey United Methodist Church and an active member of the Masonic Lodge in Brooklyn. He liked to keep busy and loved farming and raising his Duroc pigs.

Survivors include his daughter, Debbie (Dan) Davila of Corpus Christi, Texas; one son, Lowell McWilliams of Jackson, Ga.; three grandchildren, Clint (Sabrina) McWilliams of Sumter, S.C., Travis (Lisa) McWilliams of Jackson, Ga., and Shana (Rich) Heishman of Grinnell; two great-grandchildren, Mia Heishman and Emily McWilliams; three step-great-grandchildren, Ty Heishman, Defeny Hall and Jacob Gaibey; one sister, Delores (Willy) Montgomery of Brooklyn; one brother, Delmar (Mabel) McWilliams of Victor; his 97-year-old aunt, Paulene Provin; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

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