Kenneth R. "K.R." Brannian, 85

Kenneth R. "K.R." Brannian, age 85, of Brooklyn, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013, at Brooklyn Community Estate in Brooklyn. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Dodds officiating. Burial was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Esther, of Brooklyn; two daughters, Jeanne Clayton (Rusty) of Brooklyn, Kim Bauman (Lyle) of Brooklyn, and one son, Kurt (Kim) Brannian of Carlisle; six grandchildren, Lauren Dillon of Chicago, Reed Clayton of Ames, Wyatt Bauman, and Allißen Bauman of Mt. Vernon, Brock Brannian and Holly Brannian of Carlisle. Also surviving are two brothers, Keith and Donald Brannian of Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son, David, in infancy.

Kenneth Ross Brannian was born Sept. 18, 1927, in rural Brooklyn, the son of Ross and Elsie Elliott Brannian. He attended rural Brooklyn schools, Brooklyn High School, and the school of life. He married Esther Ranfeld on Aug. 16, 1950, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Ken served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953. He was a lifelong farmer and a proud businessman. In 1968, K. R. became owner of Brannian Implement, later known as Brooklyn 80 Implement, selling International Harvester and various ag-related equipment. He also developed Brooklyn 80 Restaurant and Standard.

K.R. enjoyed going to car races in Knoxville, R.V.ing, Farm Progress Shows, and bluegrass music. He especially was proud of his grandchildren.

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