Giles R. Kline, 87

Giles R. Kline, age 87, passed away on Friday morning, April 12, 2013, at the Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown.

Mass of the Resurrection was held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 19, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn. Father Philip Ryan officiated. Music was provided by Marilyn Kriegel, organist. His remains were, per his wishes, cremated.

Memorial donations can be sent to The Iowa Veterans Home, attention Mike Hines, 1301 Summit Street, Marshalltown, IA 50158.

Giles was born Sept. 22, 1925, in Brooklyn, the son of Nick Kline and Goldie (Smith) Kline. He attended country school through eighth grade. He served in the armed forces during World War II. After returning from the service, he started farming on the family farm, which is known as the Center Point Farm.

He married Trudy Vercande in 1955 and was later divorced. During that marriage, they were blessed with nine children: Sandy Kline (Leslie) of St. Louis Park, Minn.; Becky (Dennis) Kreger of Floyd; Robin (Dan) Roberts of Amana; Andy (Karen) Kline of Brooklyn; Jerome (Chanda) Kline of Brooklyn; Leroy Kline, stationed at the U.S. Naval Base in Japan; and Bruce (Kim) Kline of Brooklyn.

Giles enjoyed all aspects of farming and raising cattle. Later in life, he enjoyed going to local dances and socializing. Giles also enjoyed polka music.

He is survived by two sisters, Gail and Karen; one brother, Eldon; 16 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Giles is preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Cheryl Ann and Elaine Marie; two brothers, William (Bill) and Alfred; and a grandson, Dennis Andrew.