John Robey, 69, of Brooklyn, died on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013, at his home with his family by his side.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 25, at the Madison Church of Christ near Brooklyn with the Rev. Dennis Smith officiating. Pallbearers were Larry Vogel, Phil Heiselman, Dale Vantonne, Kirk Berry, Cole Berry, Nathan Davis-Loucks, Aaron Robey and Chase Bistothe. Honorary bearers were Glen Berry, Dale Douglas, Mark Lang, Tim Siemens, Ron Read, Marvin Keller, and Rusty Tuttle. Interment was in the Madison Cemetery near Brooklyn.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated in his name to the Madison Church of Christ, Grinnell Regional Hospice, and the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

Memorials may be designated in his name to the Madison Church of Christ, Grinnell Regional Hospice, and the Ivy Hill Cemetery Association and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at www.smithfh.com.

John Robey was born Sept. 25, 1943, in Grinnell, the son of Alfred Robey and Mary Ann McSwiggin Robey. He was raised near Malcom, and attended country schools. He graduated from the Grinnell-Malcolm High School in 1961. His class was the first to graduate from the new BGM High School.

He was united in marriage to Karen Jean Brooks on Oct. 3, 1964, at the Madison Church of Christ near Brooklyn. The couple farmed near Malcom and Brooklyn all of their lives. John was a family-man, friend of many and a stranger to none. He had a fun-loving and keen sense of humor that made him easy to like. He held a passion for farming and worked tirelessly from sunup to sundown. John's enjoyments were older Farmall tractors, four-wheelers, and horses, attending races at the various local tracks, and rooting for his favorite drivers, Mel Morris and Rusty Wallace, while watching NASCAR races on television.

John is survived by three sons, Rod (Jackie Davis) Robey of Malcom, Dan (Kristin Adams) Robey of Watford City, N.D., and David Robey of Grinnell, Iowa; five grandchildren, Nikki (Jason) Rooney of Montrose, Aaro, Lauryn and T.J. Robey of West Point, and Nathan Davis-Loucks of Grinnell; one great granddaughter, Aubre Rooney of Montrose; and his siblings, Pat Claey of Iowa City, Tom (Patt) Robey of Pleasantville, N.J., and David Robey of Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife of 34 years, Karen J. Robey, who died on June 15, 1999.

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