BROOKLYN RESIDENT

Raymond F. DePauw, 87

Raymond F. DePauw, age 87, of Brooklyn, died Feb. 9, 2015, in a motor vehicle accident. Funeral Mass was held on Monday, Feb. 16, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church Brooklyn, with Fr. Brian Shepley officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, with military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be contributed to the East Poweshiek Ambulance Service, Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn or the charity of the donor’s choice.

Raymond Frederick DePauw was born April 22, 1927, in rural Poweshiek County, the son of Edmond and Blanche Hendricks DePauw. He attended the Poweshiek County rural schools and graduated from Brooklyn High School with the Class of 1945. He served in the U.S. Army. Raymond married Norma Roth on February 14, 1950, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Brooklyn. To this union four children were born, Mike, Devran, Kathy and Bethany. Norma passed away on March 3, 1989. Raymond and Mary Coleman Cline were married on December 1, 1990 in Iowa City.

In his early years, Raymond worked at the Phillips 66 station, and with the Poweshiek County Road Department, retiring as a foreman in 1989. During this time, Raymond ran his own company, DePauw Construction, designing and building ponds and terraces for several years.

He was a member of Brooklyn American Legion Post 294, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, was on the board of Calvary Cemetery, and was a weather spotter for KCRC. In his free time, Raymond enjoyed woodworking and having coffee with his many friends. He was very proud of his Belgian heritage.

Raymond is survived by his wife Mary; a son, Mike (Pauline) of Malcom; a daughter Kathy Gilliland of Cedar Rapids; three grandchildren, Joshua (Meghann) Gilliland of Hawatha, Mariah Gilliland of Cedar Rapids, and Laura (Josh) Nelson of Knoxville; great-grandchildren, Samuel and Santiago Gilliland, and Andrea, Freddie, and Nichole Nelson; a son-in-law Bruce Hamilton of Coggon; a brother Wally DePauw of Marion; a sister Donna Henning of Harwick; and a sister-in-law Erma DePauw of Grinnell. Also surviving are step-grandchildren, Mary Jo (John) Upah of Brooklyn, Daniel (Barb) Cline of Colorado, Matthew (Sharon) Cline of Texas, Virginia (Wayne) Arens of Brooklyn, Beth (Russ) VanRenterghem of Oskaloosa, and Ken (Jennifer) Cline of Brooklyn; along with numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Norma; two daughters, Devran DePauw, and Bethany Hamilton; and two brothers, Chuck and Marvin.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com