James C. Manatt, 84

James C. Manatt, 84, of Brooklyn, died on Tuesday, June 7, 2005, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Jim Manatt were held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. The Rev. John Reynolds Jr., pastor of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, officiated. Marilyn Kriegel was the musician, and special selections were "Amazing Grace" and "In The Garden." Honorary casket-bearers were Kim Manatt, Jennifer Kauffman, Marcy Van Meter, Amy Holland, Serena Morehead, Jackie Manatt, and Jamie Manatt. Casket-bearers were Todd Schmidt, Tom Schmidt, Jeremy Kauffman, Sonny Hall, Scott Hall, and Craig Kalnay. Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery with military rites conducted by members of the American Legion. A memorial fund has been established.

James Cyril Manatt, son of James Cyril Manatt and Martha Keller Manatt, was born July 19, 1920, on a farm east of Brooklyn. Jim received his education in a rural school. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He farmed and worked for many years for Manatts Inc. as a truck driver.

Jim married Dorothy Darlene Bennett on June 20, 1942, in Cedar Rapids. They lived in Brooklyn and were the parents of five children, Mary, Connie, James Jr., Donna, and Alice. He was a member of the Brooklyn American Legion and VFW of Davenport. He enjoyed playing cards, bowling, roller skating, and his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy; his children, Mary Kauffman of Brooklyn, Donna Kalnay and husband, Bob of Chelsea, James Manatt Jr. and wife, Anne of Brooklyn, and Alice Hall of Brooklyn; a brother, Raymond Manatt of Davenport; a sister, Eva Severns of Nashville, Tenn.; thirteen grandchildren, Todd Schmidt, Kim Manatt, Tom Schmidt, Jennifer Kauffman, Jeremy Kauffman, Marcy Van Meter, Sonny Hall, Amy Holland, Scott Hall, Serena Morehead, Craig Kalnay, Jackie Manatt, and Jamie Manatt; and sixteen great-grandchildren, Hannah, David, and Kameron Kauffman, Connie Frasch, Jackson and Emma Schmidt, Kayleigh, Gage and Kylee Holland, Cody, Riley, and Spencer Hall, Rachael and Madison Van Meter, Ashley Symbol and Amber Kriegel.

Preceding Jim in death were his parents, a daughter, Connie Schmidt, and three brothers, John, Alfred, and Lewis.