Daryl S. Dyer

Daryl S. Dyer, age 96 of Grinnell, formerly of Brooklyn, passed away Saturday, November 1, 2019, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell. Memorial Services will be 11 a.m., Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Madison Church of Christ, rural Brooklyn, with the Rev. Joel Nielsen and the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Military honors will be conducted at the church. The family will receive friends on Saturday at the church from 10:00 a.m. until service time. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be given to Madison Church of Christ. Daryl loved the Christian ministry of Cookson Hills Children’s Home, and gifts will be sent to the home from the church. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn is assisting the family with arrangements.

Daryl is survived by his wife Margaret of Grinnell; his children, Calvin (Barb) Dyer of Lingle, Wyo, Connie (Rick) Samples of San Jose, Calif., Larry (Joni) Dyer of Ozark, Mo, and Dianne (Tim) Siemens of Brooklyn, Iowa; nine grandchildren, Denise, Scott, Matthew, Sean, Eric, Nicole, Lance, Brian and Hollis; and eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers, Donnie (Marion) Dyer, Dick (Sandra) Dyer, and Bob Dyer; and four sisters, Marilyn (Art) Johnson, Judy (Mike) Young, Carol Jean (Woody) Woods and Norma Venema.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters, Phyllis Hite, Dorothy Brown and Marjorie Swearengin.

Daryl Sanford Dyer was born September 13, 1923, in Bertrand, Neb., the son of Arthur Bert Dyer and Margaret Ethel Fish Dyer. He received his education in the rural Nebraska schools and graduated from Gothenburg High School with the Class of 1941. He attended a trade school for a sheet metal course in Kearney, Neb. Daryl served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in the Philippines and New Guinea. He and Margaret Lucille McElvain were united in marriage on April 14, 1946, at her family home in Hollidays, Neb. Daryl worked at the Ford car dealership in Gothenburg where he learned to repair and paint car bodies under the G.I. Bill. The couple moved to Brooklyn in 1950, where Daryl purchased a body shop in town. In October 1957, he purchased Brooklyn Motor Company, the Ford Dealership, in Brooklyn and operated the dealership until he retired on January 1, 1985. Daryl was an active member of the Brooklyn community. Over the years he served on the Board of Directors for the Brooklyn Municipal Utilities, was president and treasurer of the Commercial Club, a member of the BGM School Board, and was a member of the Brooklyn Jaycees, Brooklyn Fire Department and the Kiwanis Club. After retirement he volunteered at the VA Hospital in Iowa City for several years. He also was a faithful servant and elder at his church, Madison Church of Christ. He enjoyed visiting with people, attending grandchildren’s events, traveling, lending a helping hand to others, gardening and playing cards.