

Kenneth Richman



Kenneth J. Richman, 89, of Grinnell and formerly of Brooklyn died Friday, July 13, 2007, at his home.

Funeral services for Kenneth Richman were held today (Monday) at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn with Pastors John Reynolds and Del Dawes officiating. Organist was Anedra Sherwood and vocalist was Rhonda Minner. Pallbearers included Larry and Tom Goodrich, Doug James, Brett, Kurtt and Todd Richman and Wayne Ross. Honorary bearers included Ed Hollman, Dean

and Max Montgomery, Don Seeley and Lynn Spriggs. Burial was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

He was born on a farm north of Brooklyn on Nov. 22, 1917, to Raymond Arthur and Cora Rose Ann Montgomery Richman. He attended country schools in Madison Township and graduated from Brooklyn High School with the class of 1935. He attended Capitol City Commercial College in Des Moines.

On Jan. 25, 1939, he married Xavie Lenore Goodrich in the Brooklyn First Presbyterian Church parsonage. The couple farmed north of Brooklyn in Madison Township. They moved to Brooklyn in 1965; he continued farming until 1977. In 1985, they became "snowbirds" and enjoyed the next seven winters in Mesa, Ariz.

In February of 1995, the couple moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell and enjoyed retirement there.

He served as a Poweshiek County Supervisor from 1977 to 1984 and served as chairman of the board of supervisors several times. In that capacity, he helped to interview and select Jo Wary to serve as county auditor. He served on the board of Brooklyn Mutual Telephone as president. He served on the Des Moines Presbytery's ministerial relations committee and on the Poweshiek County 4-H fair board. He was active in the Brooklyn First Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder, as clerk of session, as trustee, as a chairman and a member of the pastoral nominating committee and as church school teacher.

He enjoyed golfing and playing pool with his friends at Seeland Park.

He is survived by two sons, Dick Richman of Ames and Rollin Richman of Kalamazoo, Mich.; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a daughter, Betty Ann Richman, in 1962; and a sister, Irene Goodrich.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn or Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 16, at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn. Rev. John Reynolds Jr. and Rev. Del Dawes officiated. Pallbearers were Larry Goodrich, Tom Goodrich, Doug Jonas, Wayne Ross, Brett Richman, Kurtt Richman and Todd Richman. Honorary bearers were Ed Hollmann, Dean Montgomery, Lynn Spriggs, Max Montgomery and Don Seeley. Interment was at Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery in Brooklyn. Memorial contributions may be directed to Brooklyn First Presbyterian Church or Grinnell Regional Hospice. The Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell handled the arrangements.



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Kenneth served as Poweshiek County Supervisor from 1977 through 1984, and served as chair of the board several times. In this capacity he interviewed and helped select Jo Wray to serve as County Auditor. He served on the Brooklyn Mutual Telephone Board, where he served as president and attended the national convention in Miami. He also served on the Des Moines Presbytery Ministerial Relations Committee and on the Poweshiek County 4-H Fair Board. He was very active in the Brooklyn First Presbyterian Church where he served as elder, clerk of session, trustee, pastor nominating committee member and chair, and church school teacher. He enjoyed playing golf and especially enjoyed playing pool with his friends at Seeland Park.

Survivors include two sons, Dick (Sharon) Richman of Ames and Rollin (Crystal) Richman of Kalamazoo, Mich.; four grandchildren, Brett (Kendra) Richman of Waterloo, Kurtt (Barb) Richman of Minneapolis, Minn., Angie (Doug) Jonas of Richland, Mich., and Todd (Nicole) Richman of Shelby Township, Mich.; and eleven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Xavie in 1999; his daughter, Betty Ann Richman in 1962; and one sister, Irene Goodrich.

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