Rex Bramer Rites Held

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Rex Bramer of Brooklyn, who just last week announced he had sold the Bramer Funeral Home in Brooklyn, died suddenly Thursday at the age of 73. He had not been active the past three years because of rheumatoid arthritis.

Mr. Bramer was born Oct. 22, 1898, at Guernsey. He came to Brooklyn in 1918 and opened the Bramer Furniture Store and Bramer Funeral Home. He was in business in Brooklyn for over 50 years.

He was long active on community affairs, sponsoring many community betterment projects.

Mr. Bramer was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Brooklyn Commercial Club and the Grace Methodist Church of Brooklyn. He was a director of the Poweshiek County Savings Bank.

Survivors include his wife Eva; a daughter, Mrs. E.K. Ormiston of Waverly; two granddaughters; and two sisters, Bess Bramer of Brooklyn and Mrs. James Likely of Ames.

Funeral services for Mr. Bramer were held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Grace Methodist Church in Brooklyn, with burial in the IOOF cemetery.

New Owner for Funeral Home

Harold Nevenhoven, 35, of Waterloo has purchased the Bramer Funeral Home in Brooklyn, Rex Bramer, 73, former owner of the funeral home, died suddenly Thursday, a day after entering the hospital.

A native of Austinville, Nevenhoven attended Ellsworth Junior College and Webster City Junior College. He is a graduate of the Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science. He is a licensed embalmer and funeral director.

Nevenhoven has been associated with Chapel of Memories mortuary in Waterloo, the Roe Funeral Home in Iowa Falls, and the Parrott and Wood Funeral Home in Waterloo. He is an army veteran.

Nevenhoven, his wife Ellen, and the couple's two sons Jeffrey, 3; and Phillip, 18 months, will move to Brooklyn in the near future.