

### JOHN GRITSCH, JR.

John M. Gritsch, Jr., 85, a life-long resident of Brooklyn area died Sunday night, April 26, in the Brookhaven Nursing Home.

Funeral Services for Mr. Gritsch will be at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 29 in the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. The Pastor, Rev. James B. Rea, and Rev. Brad Braley of Nevada will officiate. Mrs. Angie Hawkins will serve as organist and soloist. A special selection will be the "Old Rugged Cross" and the congregational hymn will be "Amazing Grace".

Ushers will be Arlo Miller and Virgil Heishman. Flower Attendants will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred Showalter and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rauc. Honorary Casket-Bearers will be E. L. Montgomery, Charles Calderwood, Delmar Heishman, Wallace Edelen, and John Krumm.

Casket-Bearers will be David Zoet, Gary Zoet, Jim Zoet, Rick Hahn, Jeff Gritsch, Jason Gritsch, Steve Armstrong, and Chris Gritsch. Interment will be in the Brooklyn Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established and may be left with the Nevenhoven Funeral Home.

John Millard Gritsch, Jr., son of John Millard Gritsch, Sr., and Bettie Alice Niswander Gritsch, was born in Warren Township, near Brooklyn, April 23, 1907.

Mr. Gritsch received his education in a rural school and farmed for many years in the Brooklyn area. He was united in marriage to Lois Iola Dee, Sept. 11, 1928, in the Methodist Church in Tama.

Mr. Gritsch was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn where he served as an elder and trustee. He was a member of the IOOF.

Surviving are his wife, Lois, of Brooklyn; three daughters, Betty Wells and her husband, Edward, of Brooklyn; Vivian Zoet, and her husband, Garret, of Byron, Ill., and Marcia of Cedar Rapids; three sons and their wives, Willard and Oddys of Ft. Myers, Fla., Robert and Janice of Brooklyn, and Roger and Loretts of Brooklyn; one sister, Mrs. Celia Korns of Grinnell; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.