

Rites held for Mr. McCluskey

Funeral services for James Leroy (Roy) McCluskey, 75, of Brooklyn were held Wednesday afternoon at the United Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn.

Mr. McCluskey died Saturday night at Grinnell General Hospital.

The son of John and Ellen Willie McCluskey, he was born March 31, 1899, in Montezuma, Ia. He moved with his parents to Brooklyn when he was three years old, and was a graduate of Brooklyn High School.

He served with the United States Army from Oct. 1, 1918, to Dec. 18, 1918. On Sept. 9, 1919, he was united in marriage to Alta Wenger in the home of her parents in Guernsey.

Mr. McCluskey was employed by International Harvester from 1929 until 1945, and during that time the family lived in various locations in Iowa, Illinois, and Colorado, spending eight of those years in Grinnell. For 29 years, Mr. McCluskey owned and operated Y&M Hardware and Plumbing in Brooklyn, retiring Jan. 1, 1974.

Mr. McCluskey was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and had served as an elder for several years. He was also a member of Corinthian Lodge No. 174, AF&AM;

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Palestine Chapter No. 143, Royal Arch Masons, in Grinnell; Order of the Eastern Star, Brooklyn Chapter No. 131; and a 50 year member of the American Legion, Francis Gallagher Post No. 294 in Brooklyn.

Survivors include his wife Alta; two sons, J. Wayne of Albert Lea, Minn., and James M. of Sacramento, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Ray (Miriam) Siefkin of Morrison, Ill.; one brother, Theral of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Mrs. Mildred Adams of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Richard Menzel, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, officiated at the 1:30 p.m. funeral services. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery in Brooklyn, with military rites conducted by Francis Gallagher American Legion Post No. 294.

The Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn was in charge of funeral arrangements.

A memorial fund has been established in memory of Mr. McCluskey for the Presbyterian Church.