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Memorial services for Marvin "Mac" L. McLain, a former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will be held March 22 at 1 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn. Mr. McLain, 90, died of complications of a hip fracture Feb. 23 at Parkway Manor Nursing Center in Marion, Ill.

Born and reared in the Brooklyn area, he was a graduate of Brooklyn High School and Iowa State University with a degree in agriculture engineering. Mr. McLain operated a dairy farm near Brooklyn from 1930 to 1953. During that time he served as chairman of the Poweshiek County AAA. He was president and director of the Malcom Farmers Cooperative Elevator and a director of the Brooklyn Mutual Telephone Co. He also served on the board of directors of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, was a member of the Iowa Dairy Commission, and chairman of both Poweshiek County and Iowa State Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Mr. McLain was chosen as a member of President Eisenhower's Agriculture Advisory Committee in 1952. He moved to Washington, D.C. in 1953 as director of the grain division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Commodity Stabilization Service. In 1956 President Eisenhower appointed him assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In 1960 he joined the American Farm Bureau's legislative staff and was named legislative director of the American Farm Bureau in 1972. He retired from that post but soon was appointed administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Packers and Stockyards Administration. He retired in 1976 and he and his late wife, Nina, moved to Tampa, Fla.

McLain was the recipient of the Iowa State University Alumni Association's Centennial Award for Distinguished Service. He was a member of Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta, national agriculture honorary fraternities and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity. He was also a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

He is survived by a son, Richard L., and his wife, Mary, of Des Moines; a daughter, Muriel Zinn, and her husband, Dr. Gene Zinn, of Simpson, Ill.; a sister, Miriam Molison of Grinnell; and a brother, Maynard McLain of Grinnell; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Raised in Poweshiek County, Mr. McLain served as a member of President Dwight Eisenhower's agriculture advisory committee in the 1950s. Eisenhower later named him assistant secretary of agricul-

ture in charge of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the federal crop insurance program and the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Mr. McLain joined the American Farm Bureau's staff in 1960 and served as the organization's chief lobbyist. President Richard Nixon appointed him to head the USDA's Packers and Stockyards Administration in 1972.

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