

J. Duane 'Whimpy' Roudabush

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, April 22, at First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn for J. Duane "Whimpy" Roudabush, 69, of Brooklyn, who died Wednesday, April 19, 2000, in his home near Brooklyn. The Rev. Ronald Van Heukelom officiated.

The organist was Marilyn Kriegel and the soloist was Terry Osborne, with special selections "Amazing Grace," "Peace in the Valley" and the "Marine Hymn." Flower attendants were Agnes Stone, Betty Price, and Chuck and Shirley Dunham.

Honorary casket bearers were Wesley Reida, Louis Keiser, Sam McNaul, Clarence Rhinehart and Wayne Patten. Casket bearers were Don Brannian, Darrel Heishman, Maynard Saylor, Gary Kriegel, Steve Kies and Alan Galapp. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, with military rites conducted by Francis Gallagher American Legion Post #294, ~~Brooklyn~~.

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Junior Duane "Whimpy" Roudabush was born June 2, 1930, at Brooklyn, one of five children born to John Franklin Roudabush and Mildred Price Roudabush. He received his education in Brooklyn, graduating from high school in 1948. He attended Coe College, Cedar Rapids, for one year. He drove a school bus. Duane served with the U.S. Marines during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954. On April 14, 1956, he was married to Charlotte Mary Graney in Des Moines. He was a farmer and he and his wife owned and operated Char-Du Mfg. in Brooklyn from 1969 to 1979.

He lived all of his life in the Brooklyn area. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, Francis Gallagher American Legion Post #294 and the Brooklyn-Victor Country Club where he had served as secretary and treasurer. He managed and coached little league baseball for many years, and wrote "Teeing Off With Whimpy" for many years for the local newspapers.

His parents, one daughter, Denise Eileen, and one sister, Dian Roudabush, preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte; his children and spouses, Debra A. and Bill Orand of Tulsa, Okla., Dennis D. and Deirdre Roudabush of Brooklyn, Deanna R. and John Staudt of La Grange, Ky., and David N. and Janice Roudabush, Donald P. and Tracy Roudabush, Diane K. and Kenneth Cadden, and Daniel C. and Leigh Roudabush, all of Brooklyn; his stepmother Mrs. Helen Roudabush of Grinnell; three sisters, Dolores McLain, and her husband, Roger, of Austin, Texas, Donna Hepner of St. Louis, Mo., and Dorothy Carpenter and her husband, Fred, of Newton; and 17 grandchildren.

Nevenhoven Funeral Services, Brooklyn, was in charge of arrangements. A memorial fund has been established.