Francis "Fuzzy" Creps, 81

Francis "Fuzzy" Creps, 81, of Grinnell, formerly of Brooklyn, died Thursday, November 18, 2004, at Friendship Manor Care Center, Grinnell.

Services for Fuzzy Creps were held on Monday at the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Reynolds officiating. Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Honorary casket bearers were Dean Montgomery, Willis Montgomery, Lyle Nesselroad, John Van Buren and Lowell Sherwood.

Casket bearers were Gary Smith, Kevin Smith, George McConnell, Melvin McClenathan, Loren Rickard and Bob Ryan.

A memorial fund has been established.

Neenhoven Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Francis "Fuzzy" Herbert Creps was born February 27, 1923, in Brooklyn, to Helen Davidson Creps and Cecil Creps. He attended rural schools, and he graduated from Hartwick High School in 1942. Over the years, he drove a truck, operated a bulldozer, farmed, did carpenter work, and he later worked at the Brooklyn Building Center.

On June 18, 1950, Fuzzy married Beverly Korns at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn. They farmed until 1968 when they built a home and moved to Brooklyn. They were the parents of two daughters, Katie and Mary.

Fuzzy was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn where he had served as an elder. He had been a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge and Kiwanis.

He enjoyed being with his family, especially his grandchildren. Some of his interests included fishing, golfing, and playing cards.

In 1997, Fuzzy suffered a brain aneurysm from which he never fully recovered. He spent the last seven years of his life at Friendship Manor where his wife visited him almost daily. He enjoyed playing cards and bingo, and joking with family and friends who visited him.

Fuzzy was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Beverly; his daughters, Katie Ghent of Fairfield, and Mary and her husband, Joe Vaverka, of Pella; four grandchildren, Jawnica and her husband, Jon Kettler, Jacob Vaverka, Mallory Ghent and Wilson Ghent; and his two sisters, Hazel Williams of Hartwick and Clovis Smith of Grinnell.