

Kenneth B. Carmichael, 90

Kenneth B. Carmichael, 90, of Brooklyn, died on December 14, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, from complications suffered from a fall in his residence.

Visitation will be held 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, at Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 17, at the Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, with Pastor David Rogula officiating. Interment will be Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

The casket bearers will be his grandchildren and their spouses -- Bradley and D'Ann Karr, David and JoBeth Karr, Clayton and Mary Beth Karr, Nicole Carmichael, and Andrew Carmichael.

The honorary casket bearers will be Stanley and Kay Walford, Jack and Wilma Crosson, Elver and Velma Roudabush, and Keith Brannian.

Kenneth, the son of William Herbert and Abbie Johnston Carmichael, was born December 3, 1913, on the family farm northeast of Brooklyn. He attended McKegg Country School, and he graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1932. Kenneth earned a scholarship to Iowa State College by winning first place at the 4-H Congress in Chicago. After a year at Iowa State College, he returned to Poweshiek County to farm with his father.

On February 25, 1940, he married Ruth Gwendolyn Davidson at her parents' home. They farmed in Warren Township for four years. In 1944, they moved to the Johnson farm, west of Brooklyn. They retired to a home in Brooklyn in 1988.

Kenneth and his father were among the first farmers to use contour farming. He was a dedicated conservationist, and he enjoyed working with purebred Angus cattle and Hampshire hogs.

He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church for 62 years. He served a term as Sunday school superintendent and trustee. Kenneth also was president of the Brooklyn school board in 1964 when the current high school building was built. He was a member of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau, and he and his wife delivered Meals on Wheels for 12 years.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Ruth, of Brooklyn; his daughter and her husband, Karen and Gary Goodrich, of St. Louis; his two sons, Richard Carmichael, and Robert and Jessie Carmichael; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



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