Orville L. Garringer, 81

Orville L. Garringer, 81, of Grinnell but a former resident of Brooklyn, died Monday, Sept. 1, 2003, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Friends may call at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, at St. James Lutheran Church in Victor. Pastor Alan Hafner will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Ohio Cemetery in rural Ladora.

The honorary casket bearers will be Steven Van Blaricom, Ken Bendorf and Ray Garringer.

The casket bearers will be Eric Garringer, John Garringer, Dan Garringer, Rodney Garringer, Keith Garringer and Russell Hawkins.

Orville Lynn Garringer, the son of Carl Landrew and Ada Irene (Welch) Garringer, was born April 8, 1922, in North English. Orville was baptized and confirmed in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Williamsburg on March 6, 1951. He received his education at the Yankee Point School near North English.

On June 24, 1944, Orville married Mary Ann Fritz at the Yankee Point Community Church in rural North English. They were the parents of three sons — Jerry, Tim and Frank.

The Garringers farmed for a few years following their marriage. They lived in North English, Williamsburg and Ladora where they operated a feed store before they moved to Brooklyn in 1968. They operated a feed store there for awhile. Orville later became manager of Rohrer Bros. Fertilizer in Brooklyn until his retirement.

Orville was a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Victor. He enjoyed fishing, golfing and singing the "Wabash Cannonball."

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, on Jan. 2, 1998; his son, Frank Carl; and two brothers, Keith and Ralph.

Orville is survived by his two sons and their spouses, Jerry and Carol Garringer of Eugene, Ore., and Tim and Karen Garringer of Brooklyn; his sister, Betty Van Dee, of Vining; his three brothers, Jim and Bill Garringer of Williamsburg and Vernon Garringer of Parnell, and Howard Brown of Cedar Rapids; four grandchildren, Michael of Portland, Ore., and Eric, Amy and Matthew, all of Brooklyn.