

William F. Kuntz, 78

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William F. Kuntz, 78, of Brooklyn, died Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

Services were held Friday at the Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. David Rogula officiating. Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

The casket bearers were Gary McClenathan, Bob Iler, Mike Van Renterghem, Pat Akery, Don Huedepohl and Don Roudabush.

The honorary casket bearers were Richard Huedepohl, Bob Evans, Charles Montross and Kevin Irwin.

A memorial fund has been established.

Nevenhoven Funeral Services of Brooklyn was in charge of arrangements.

William Franklin Kunz was born August 8, 1925, near Brooklyn. His parents were Lillie Pearl Kann Kuntz and Arthur Martin Kuntz. William attended school for eight years at Bear Creek Sunnyside No. 7 country school. After graduation there, he graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1942.

Following graduation, William began farming with his father on the family farm. On June 19, 1945, he married Louise Doris Keller in Brooklyn. The couple has three sons — William Arthur (Linda), Archie Raymond (Edie) and Clair Alan. There also are six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

After starting his sons in farming, William brought the first English-bred South Devon cattle to Iowa. In 1994, he earned membership into the Hall of Fame and was named Producer of the Year.

William was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church, the Knights of Pythias and the Malcom Co-op. He was a 50-year member of the Farm Bureau. In 1997, he was the district winner of an award from Poweshiek County Soil and Water Conservation. He later was named a winner in Region 7. In 1990, William was the runner-up in the Iowa Wildlife Farmer of the Year competition.