

Bc October 3, 2001

John "Merle" Odland, 92

~~John "Merle" Odland, 92, of Iowa Falls~~ formerly of Brooklyn, died on Aug. 24, in Dumont Care Center, Dumont, Ia.

At his request his body was donated to the University of Iowa Anatomy Dept. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Brooklyn at 9:30 a.m. by the Rev. David Crow. Arrangements by Stewart Funeral Home, Cedar Rapids.

Merle was born January 24, 1908 near Fairfax, the son of Agnes and Andrew Odland. He married Ellen Williams Greenwell on Nov. 30, 1962, in Brooklyn. She died November 1983. Merle led an adventurous life from riding the rails to working construction.

Merle is survived by a daughter-in-law, Florence Greenwell of Ackley. Also numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and 5 sisters, Lena Chandler, Margaret Langton, Bertha Coleman, Alma Shaw and Sophie Yanecek, and a brother, Jack Odland.