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Robert Elmer Walter, 82, of Brooklyn, died Thursday, August 28, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center at Grinnell.

Funeral services were held at 10: 30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma. Pastor Todd Follette of First Friends Church officiated. Mrs. Sue Kluber was soloist, and Mrs. Marilyn Kriegel was organist. Casket bearers were Lynn Scott, Walter Barnes, Jim Duncan, Maynard Huffman, Roger Smith and Scott Curry. Interment was in Guernsey Cemetery at Guernsey.

He was bern on September 6, 1920, at the home farm south of Guernsey, the son of Elmer and Verna (Mercer) Walter. He attended Morgan Country School for 8 years and graduated from Guernsey High School in 1938. Robert was united in marriage with Deloris Duncan on May 26, 1947, at the Methodist parsonage at Marengo. To this union four children were born, Linda, William, Benjamin and Gary. They farmed all of their married life southeast of Guernsey, before retiring to Brooklyn in 1993. They were members of the Guernsey United Methodist Church until moving

to Grinnell in 2000, where they joined the First Friends Church. For the past year, they have resided at the Brooklyn Estates Care Center. While on the farm, Bob was a longtime Lincoln Township trustee, and he had served on the Guernsey School Board during the merger with Brooklyn and Malcom schools.

Bob enjoyed fishing, playing cards, listening to music and dancing.

He is survived by his wife, Deloris; and their family, Linda and Art Kuntz of Brooklyn, Bill and Barb Walter of New Sharon, Ben and Diane Walter of St. Louis, Mo., and Gary Walter of Barnes City; 7 grandchildren, Franci (Kuntz) and Gary McClenathan, Christine (Kuntz) and Mark Busby, Jesse, Becky, Jeremy & Sarah Walter and Carrie Walter; 8 great-grandchildren, Jillayna, JaKayla, Blake and Braden McClenathan, Dylan and Marrisa Busby and Jenna and Natosha Walter; 3 sisters, Margaret Barnes of Montezuma, Irene Huffman of Keswick, and Verna Belle Riis of Cedar Rapids; many nieces and nephews; and many relatives and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents.

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A memorial in his name has been established for patient equipment at Brooklyn Estates Care Center or a scholarship at BGM High School.