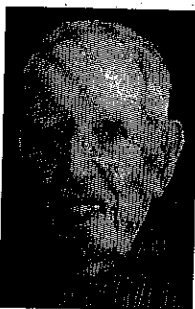


Clarence E. Rhinehart, 96

Clarence E. Rhinehart, age 96, of Brooklyn, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at Windmill Manor, Coralville, following an extended illness. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. Terry Chapman officiating. Burial will be in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established. Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.



Clarence is survived by six children and their spouses, Betty Niner (Leo) of Haverhill, William (Diana) of Oskaloosa, George (Mary) of Ossian and Mesa, Ariz., Anna Brown (Bob) of Heber Springs, Ark., Eugene (Katy) of Ferguson, and Terry (Carolyn) of Springville; a sister-in-law Jan Rhinehart (Mrs. Wayne); 13 grandchildren, Clarence Niner (Laura) of Cedar Falls, Mary Graves (Gary) of Waterford, Mich., Beth Maas (Lynn) of Bluegrass, Kathy Roughton of Norwalk, Jerry Rhinehart (Audrey) of Hartford, Wis., Michael Smothers (Jenniffer) of Dallas, Ga., Nathan Niner (Teresa) of Indianola, Amy Logan (Kenny) of Kennesaw, Ga., Jennifer Smothers of Kennesaw, Ga., Heath Rhinehart (Christine) of Conrad, Megan Swanson (Lee) of Conrad, Randy Rhinehart of Annapolis, Md., and Kyle Rhinehart of Springville; 21 great-grandchildren, Billy Niner, Kayla Niner, Alex Niner, Elizabeth Rhinehart, Sean Rhinehart, Kevin Maas, Travis Maas, Pam Maas, McKenzie Niner, Morgan Niner, Nolan Niner, Alyssa Smothers, Reagan Smothers, Easton Swanson, Nick Swanson, Callie Swanson, Keegan Rhinehart, Shannon McCoy, Sarah McCoy, Brayden Logan and Madison Logan; five great-great-grandchildren, Brandon Maas, Emma'le Maas, Jett Maas, Dax Maas and Keegan Loveless; two step-children, Carl W. Poe and Gayle Poe (Dave) Lacasse; and three step-grandchildren; along with many nieces, nephews and other family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Marie; his second wife, Nora; and his third wife, Helen; five brothers, Leo, John, Ray, Kenneth, and Wayne; and two sisters, Irene Roth and Evelyn Prusek; two grandchildren, Marsha Rhinehart, and Christopher Rhinehart; and three great-grandchildren, Andrew Graves, Danielle Graves and Sarah Smothers.

Clarence Edwin Rhinehart was born Oct. 19, 1914, on a farm east of Brooklyn, the son of Walter B. Rhinehart and Mary S. Werner Rhinehart. When he was four years old, the family moved to the farm where he grew up and continued to farm with his father for 23 years until his father's retirement. They developed a registered Holstein herd that became one of the top producing and oldest established herds in Iowa when it was sold on Oct. 8, 1966. Clarence continued farming the home place until he sold it in 1977.

Clarence received his education in the Warren No. 4 School and then the Brooklyn Community School where he graduated in 1933. He was an active member of the Brethren Church and served as a Sunday school teacher, on the church board, and held every office at the church except secretary. Clarence continued his church life by attending Grace United Methodist Church in Brooklyn when Brethren closed. He was also active in the community, serving as president of the Brooklyn Creamery Association, working for the Poweshiek County Extension office measuring crop ground in reserve in Warren and Jefferson Townships, and for many years enjoyed being a member of the Brooklyn-Victor Country Club. He was an avid golfer, made 3 holes-in-one, and played in many tournaments. He was proud of being able to "shoot his age" at 92, and to play 18 holes every day whenever weather permitted. Clarence married Marie Byerly on Dec. 13, 1934, and to this union one daughter, Betty was born. Marie died in 1935. On Feb. 21, 1939, Clarence married Nora Irene Henry and the couple had five children, William, George, Anna Mae, Eugene and Terry. Nora died June 2, 1998. Clarence married Helen Poe on July 29, 2000. Helen died Oct. 1, 2009.

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