

ROBERT LEWIS MCCULLEY, SR.

Robert Lewis McCulley, Sr. 94 of Brooklyn, died April 6, at Grinnell Hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. April 14, at Grace Methodist Church, Brooklyn with Rev. John Dodds officiating. Military Honors will be conducted at the church. There will be no visitation, as Robert has donated his body to medical research. Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn is assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert is survived by his children, Marie Braswell (Bob) of Victor, and Robert L. McCulley, Jr. (Deb) of Montezuma; nine grandchildren, Christopher Braswell (Ayako) of Okinawa, Leesie Braswell of Victor, Michelle Jarnagin (Dave) of Des Moines, Katherine Braswell (Cody Daugherty) of Newton, Matthew McCulley of Cedar Falls, Alex McCulley of Williamsburg, Shelby McCulley of Marshalltown, Robert McCulley I of Montezuma, and Andy McCulley of Montezuma; four great-grandchildren, Jasmine, Noel and Sonia Braswell of Okinawa, and Cooper Daugherty of Newton.

Also surviving are his siblings, in Williams of Barnes City, Helen James of New Sharon; along with his sisters-in-law, Barb McCulley of New Sharon, Barb

McCulley of Brooklyn, Elaine McCulley of Brooklyn, Margaret McCulley of Grinnell, and Marie McCulley of Montana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Vernon, Marvin, Donald, William, Kenneth "Tunney", David and Harlan; two sisters, Peg Simpson and Elizabeth Acord; two siblings in infancy, Rassy and Catherine, his wife Elsie.

Robert Lewis McCulley was born Feb. 8, 1919 in rural Thornburg, the son of John Henry and Catherine Capehart McCulley. He was graduated from Gibson High School in 1936. He served in the U.S. Army for four years.

He married Elsie Marie Ploog on June 1, 1941 in Kirksville, Mo. He was employed over the years with the Poweshiek County Home, Amana Refrigeration, for Skinny Heinshoot as a farm hand, D.W. Hubbard Lumber Company, Fullerton Lumber Company and the Poweshiek County Bridge Crew.

Robert was a member and elder of the Brooklyn Church of the Brethren until it's closing, then he joined Grace Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

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Online condolences may be extended to the family at www.klosterfuneralhome.com.

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