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Norman E. Burns, 88

Norman E. Burns, age 88, of Brooklyn, died Monday, Oct. 14, 2013 at his home. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Oct. 18, at the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, with the Reverend John Reynolds Jr. officiating. Burial was at Kent Cemetery, Brooklyn, with military honors. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.



Norman is survived by his wife, Maxine M. Burns; his children, Sue Weissinger (Allen) of Goodwell, Okla., David Burns (Janice) of Lowell, Ind., Teri Neuhaus (Larry) of Hartwick, and Laurie Burns-Buchanan of Los Angeles, Calif.; a step-daughter-in-law, Jeanie Edwards (Mrs. Marvin); two step children, Scott Edwards (Kathy) of Chincoteague, Va., and Kim Pfantz (Jeff) of Brooklyn; seven grandchildren Lynn, Ann and Bryan of Oklahoma, Jennifer, Austen and Andi of Indiana, and Ryan of Iowa; six step grandchildren, Tammi and Penny of Iowa, Ashley of North Carolina, Patti of Washington, Ben of Arizona, and Melissa of Iowa; and 11 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Gerald Burns (Mary) Defuniak, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Eldon, Stuart LeRoy, and Robert Jr.; two sisters, Blanche Grothman and Beverly Burns; two step children and two great-grandchildren.

Norman Eugene Burns was born on Dec. 5, 1924, in Elm Creek, Neb., to Robert R. Burns Sr. and Pearl Case Burns. He graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1941. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Maxine Alden on Nov. 24, 1978 in Eddyville.

Norman worked as a farmer following graduation. Upon his return from serving his country, Norman served as a missionary for the Presbyterian Church. He worked at the power plant on the Navajo Reservation in Ganado, Ariz., in the maintenance department as a mechanic. He later returned to Iowa and worked as a field service representative at Farmhand in Grinnell. In 1984, he moved to Texas and worked at printing plants. He returned to Iowa and was employed by Tri State Signing in Des Moines. Norman enjoyed music, reading, and bird watching. He was a bee keeper and produced his own honey.

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