

Paul B. Gerard, 90

Paul B. Gerard, 90, of Brooklyn, died Sunday, January 16, 2005, at Friendship Manor Care Center, Grinnell.

Funeral services for Paul Gerard will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. The Rev. Dale Schwechel of Austinville, Iowa, will officiate, and the musician will be Marilyn Kriegel. Casketbearers will be Darrel Heetland, Lyle Oswood, Roland McCombs, Gary Hash, Joshua Gerard and Bill Wilkerson. Honorary casketbearers will be Stanley Walford and Dean Lippincott. Interment will be in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.



Paul, the son of Charley and Ivy (McMains) Gerard was born on June 22, 1914, on a farm east of New Sharon. He attended Pleasant #8 grade school in Poweshiek County.

Paul married Lois Lockard on March 15, 1938, in Oskaloosa. The couple had one son, Roger.

On October 15, 1945, Paul and his brother, Eldon, bought the feed store in Brooklyn. Another brother, Emil, joined them a year later in the business. Paul became ill and left the store in 1960. He then became a bus driver and custodian for the BGM Community School until he retired in 1979. After retiring, he worked for the REC.

Paul attended the Ewart Methodist Church as a child and was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Brooklyn. Paul helped raise and train Belgian horses on the family farm. He also trained all his pet dogs. He loved playing the piano, gardening, fishing and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Paul is survived by his wife, Lois, of Brooklyn; a son, Roger, and wife, Joan, of Brooklyn; two grandchildren, Joshua and wife, Tracey, of Tulsa, Okla., and Charity Wilkerson and husband, Bill, of Tulsa, Okla. Other survivors include two brothers, Eldon Gerard and wife, Naomi, of Grinnell, Emil Gerard and wife, Elizabeth, of Omaha, Neb.; two sister-in-laws, Mrs. Homer (Helen) Gerard of Montezuma, and Mrs. Clifford (Wanda) Gerard of Grinnell; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Harold, Homer and Clifford Gerard; and a sister, Vergie Peters.

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