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## Charles Lyle "C.L." Gates, 87

Charles Lyle "C.L." Gates, age 87, of Brooklyn, died Sunday, May 31, 2009, at Brooklyn Community Estate following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3, at Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. John Dodds officiating. Burial will be in the Koszta Cemetery, rural Marengo, with military honors. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, at Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn, with a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. A memorial fund has been established.

He is survived by his son Charles H., and wife, Bernadette "Sally," of Brooklyn; two grandsons, Tad William Gates (Cathy) of North Liberty, and Charles J. "Josh" Gates (Jessica Bethke) of Williamsburg; and five great-grandchildren, Nicholas, Samuel, Ian, Kiley and Kiara.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Helen in 1995; three brothers, Lawrence, J.C., and Maynard; and a sister, Arlene Krider.

Charles Lyle Gates was born Dec. 17, 1921, in Koszta, the son of Clifford and Myrtle Cronbaugh Gates. He received his education in the Iowa County schools. Charles married Helen Maschmann on April 2, 1942, at the Lutheran Parsonage in Victor. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the China, Burma and India Theatre. Upon returning to the states, C.L. was a shop foreman at Montgomery Ford Garage from 1946-1950. He then was employed as a feed salesman for Moorman's Feed for over 25 years, and also farmed. He retired from feed sales in 1975 to farm full-time.

Charles was a member of the Brooklyn Francis-Gallagher American Legion and the Corinthian Masonic Lodge.

Online condolences may be extended to the family via the Web site [www.klosterfuneral-home.com](http://www.klosterfuneral-home.com).

