Claude W. Patten, 86

Claude W. Patten, 86, of Brooklyn, passed away Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at the VA Medical Center in Des Moines. Per Claude's wishes, his body has been cremated. A memorial service was held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Brooklyn Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of Brooklyn; daughter, Judie Roberts of Brooklyn; three sons, David (Helen) Patten of Central City, Thomas (Debra) Patten of Republic, Mo., and John (Mary Jo) Patten of Victor; seven sisters; two brothers; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Della Patten; one daughter; and one sister.

Claude Wayne Patten was born Dec. 6, 1922, in Brooklyn, the son of John and Della (Smith) Patten. He married Evelyn Marie Spilman on Dec. 24, 1941, in Unionville, Mo. Claude graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1940, and served his country honorably in the United States Army Air Force during World War II. He was employed with Victor Manufacturing in Victor, as a tool and die setter. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Brooklyn, the Brooklyn-Victor Country Club, and enjoyed woodworking. Claude especially enjoyed his children, grandchildren, family, and many friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

... A memorial fund has been established.

Online condolences may be left for the Patten family at www.iowacremation.com, under obituaries. The Cremation Society of Eastern-Central-Western Iowa is assisting with arrangements.