

Eldon A. Burns BC June 23, 1999

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, June 19, at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn for Eldon A. Burns, 70, who died Tuesday, June 15, 1999, in Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.

Chaplain David Oakland of Mercy Hospital, Iowa City, officiated, and the organist was Anedra Sherwood. Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "Old Rugged Cross." Flower attendants were Dan and Dorothy McConnell.

Casket bearers were Lyle Bauman Jr., Craig Hall, Jim Plants, Joshua Humphrey, Ray Williams and Michael Macksey. Interment was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery with military rites conducted by members of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post #294 of Brooklyn.

Eldon Ardell Burns, son of Robert Burns and Pearl Case Burns, was born Oct. 28, 1928, in Smithfield, Neb.

His family moved to Williams, Iowa, when he was five years old, and to Brooklyn in 1936. Eldon received his education in a rural school and the Brooklyn school, graduating from high school in 1947. He worked on a farm until entering the service during the Korean War.

On Oct. 8, 1955, he was married to Geraldine Roth, who died in 1956. On July 25, 1969, Eldon was married to Margaret DeLoof Humphrey at Ottumwa. From Feb. 1, 1965, he was a linesman for Brooklyn Municipal Utilities, retiring in 1994.

Mr. Burns was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, and Francis Gallagher American Legion Post #294.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Geraldine, and one sister, Blanche.

Surviving are his wife, Margaret; two stepsons and their wives and four step-grandchildren, David and Beverly Humphrey and their children, Kathryn Anne and David W. II of Schenectady, N.Y., Larry and Krista Humphrey and their children, Joshua Dean and Megan Kay, of Brooklyn; four brothers, Norman Burns of Brooklyn, Robert Burns Jr. of Clear Lake, Stuart Burns of Des Moines and Gerald Burns of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and one sister, Beverly Burns of Washington Court House, Ohio.

Nevenhoven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. A memorial fund has been established.

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