

DeMeulenaere services held

Funeral services for Clem DeMeulenaere, 91, of Brooklyn, a former mayor of that community and an ex-member of the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors, were held Tuesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn.

Mr. DeMeulenaere died Saturday morning, May 26, at St. Francis Manor, where he had lived for nearly five years.

The Rev. Fr. Harry H. Linnenbrink, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grinnell, celebrated the Funeral Mass. Organist was Mrs. C.H. Gates, and flower attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brimmer. Pallbearers were Tom Stirniman, Paul Stirniman, Jeff Stirniman, John Kelly DeMeulenaere, David DeXeulenaere, Gregory DeMeulenaere and Scot Rainbolt. Burial was at the Calvary Cemetery, Victor.

A parish rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Monday, May 28, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn.

The son of Charles and Eugenia DeBruycker DeMeulenaere, he was born July 4, 1887, in Watervliet, Belgium. He came with his family to Geneseo, Ill., from

Belgium, later moving to Victor.

On Jan. 31, 1911, he was married to Mary VanDeWalle in Tama. The couple farmed briefly in Madison Township north of Brooklyn, then operated a dairy farm in Brooklyn until Mr. DeMeulenaere's retirement.

Mr. DeMeulenaere was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Farm Bureau. He served on the Brooklyn City Council for many years and served twice as mayor—1960-61 and 1964-71. He was also active in Democratic politics.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. John DeMeulenaere of Grinnell and Leonard DeMeulenaere of Phoenix, Ariz.; one daughter, Mrs. John (Margaret) Stirniman of Cedar Rapids; two brothers, Henry and August, both of Victor; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Sackett and Mrs. Mary Martens, both of Victor; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife in 1965, two daughters, three brothers and one sister.