

Keith Edelen

Keith Edelen, 69, of Rte. 3, Grinnell, died at his home early Monday, Oct. 25.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn, with the Rev. Joe Rogers, pastor of the church, officiating, and the Rev. Martin Schreiber of Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Malcom, participating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel.

Pallbearers were Jon, Mike, Karin and Brian Edelen; Curt and Christy Anderson; Nick, Scott, David and Kevin Arens; and Shawn, Shane and Sheena Edelen. Honorary bearers were Kenneth Hanssen, Curt Ferneau, Bob Rutherford, Bud Badger, Warren Dee, Lloyd Hall, Grover Loftin, Francis Ormiston, Dwight Pease, Gene Gritsch, Ed Heishman and Gerald Read.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, with military rites conducted by members of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post.

A memorial fund has been established, and contributions may be left with the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn.

The son of Wallace and Lulu Akery Edelen, he was born Aug. 29, 1924, in Grinnell. He was a 1942 graduate

of rural Grinnell, and Mr. Edelen also worked for the Donaldson Co. until his retirement.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Francis Gallagher American Legion Post, BB44 USS California and the United Auto Workers Union. He was a former member of the Sheridan Grange and the National Farmers Organization.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn; three sons, Joseph of Brooklyn, Donald of Grinnell and Eugene of Cedar Rapids; two daughters, Therese Anderson of Montezuma and Diane Arens of Hartwick; one sister, Kathleen Kester of Marshalltown; one brother, Charles of Anchorage, Alaska; 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by