WALLACE EDELEN

Wallace Edelen, 95, of Brooklyn, died May 14 in Brookhaven Nursing Home, Brooklyn.

Funeral services for Mr. Edelen were held at 1:30 p.m. May 18 in the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. Rev. Kalen K. Fristad, pastor of the Grace United Methodist Church, officiated.

The organist was Mrs. Marilyn Kriegel. Flower attendants were Gene and Betty Osborn, Ruth Manatt, and Don Brannian.

Honorary casket-bearers were August VanRenterghem, Francis Creps, Bill Clayton, Harold Beaderstadt, Ed Montgomery, Max Clayton, Giles Crider, Earl Altemeier, Delmar Heishman, Mike Clayton, Charles Andes, and Gerald Read.

Casket-bearers were Robert Gritsch, Roger Gritsch, Robert Ryan, Richard T. Ryan, Ron Read, and Mike VanRenterghem.

Interment was in the Brooklyn Cemetery with military rites conducted by members of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post 294.

Wallace Howard Edelen, son of Charles Howard Edelen and Nora Forney Edelen, was born April 29, 1898, on a farm near Brooklyn. He received his education in a rural school and served with the US Navy during World War I.

Mr. Edelen was united in marriage to Lula Elizabeth Akery Aug. 11, 1918 in Oskaloosa. He was a life-long resident of the Brooklyn area and farmed for many years.

Mr. Edelen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, IOOF Lodge, and Francis Gallagher American Legion Post 294. For many years he was a trustee of the IOOF Cemetery. He was a part owner of the Brookhaven Nursing Home. Mr. Edelen served on the county and state welfare boards and during World War II, he served on the rationing board.

Surviving are his daughter, Kathleen Kester of Marshalltown; two sons and their wives, Keith and Evelyn Edelen of Grinnell and Charles and Beverly Edelen of Anchorage, Alaska; one brother, Rollin Edelen of Estherville; 17 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife who died May 31, 1973, two sisters, and three brothers.