

William J. Heitsman

Funeral services were held Monday morning, Dec. 27, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn, for William J. Heitsman, 85, of Brooklyn, who died Wednesday night, Dec. 22, 1999, in Brookhaven Nursing Home, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Richard Okumu, pastor of the church, officiated, and the organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Casket bearers were Art Kuntz, Chris Gritsch, Richard Huedepohl, Don Huedepohl, Roger Gritsch and John Eichhorn. Military rites were conducted by members of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post #294. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

William Joseph Heitsman, son of William Heitsman Sr. and Karolina Merz Heitsman, was born June 3, 1914, on a farm near Brooklyn. He was a graduate of the Brooklyn High School, and served with the U.S. Army during WWII.

He farmed the family farm and became a resident of Brookhaven in January of 1999. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and was an avid sports fan who enjoyed BGM football and basketball, and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Surviving are many friends, including his special friends, Jim and Sue Eichhorn of rural Montezuma.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Hildegard Heitsman and Marie Mayhew.

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