

Balzer Kriegel

Balzer P. Kriegel, 87, of Brooklyn, died Thursday morning Aug. 17, in Brookhaven Nursing Home.

Services for Mr. Kriegel were held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 21, 1995, in the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. Rev. James B. Rea officiated. The organist was Mrs. Angie Hawkins and special hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art".

Casket-bearers were Charles Hawkins, John Hawkins, Jim Hawkins, Mark Hawkins, Matt Hawkins and David Hawkins. Interment was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery with military rites conducted by members of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post #294.

A memorial fund for Hospice Grinnell has been established and may be left with Nevenhoven Funeral Home.

Balzer Peter Kriegel, son of Balzer and Mary Ann Brimmer Kriegel, was born March 30, 1908, on a farm north of Brooklyn. He received his education in a rural school near his home. He and his brother farmed for their father. Later he was a truck driver for the Brooklyn Creamery, worked for the Brooklyn Telephone Company, worked on the bridge gang of Poweshiek County Road Department, and was manager for Farm Service at Columbus Junction and Harlan.

He was united in marriage to Dovey Newton April 12, 1930, in Newton. They were the parents of four children, Charley, Neoma, Karen and Norman. Dovey died July 5, 1966.

On April 12, 1968, he was married to Jeanette Rasmussen in Harlan. They moved to Holiday Lake at Brooklyn in 1975 and in 1987 they moved to Harlan. Jan died April 12, 1989, and he later returned to Brooklyn.

Balzer was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, the American Legion, Farm Service Pioneer Club and the Harlan Lions Club. Balzer was a volunteer fireman at Brooklyn and ran for sheriff in 1952. He served with the US Navy during World War II.

Surviving are his son, Charley, and his wife Patricia of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; two daughters, Neoma Patten of Concord, Calif. and Karen Moore and her husband John of Walnut Creek, Calif.; four step-daughters, Kathy Kienast and her husband Clint of Kirkman, Carol Fiscus and her husband Terry of Kirkman, Lois Heese and her husband Ronald of Kirkman and Nancy Swenson of Harlan; two step-sons, Andrew and Jeanna Rasmussen of Irwin, and Randy Rasmussen and his wife Connie of Bellevue, Neb.; one sister, Marie Schulte of Brooklyn; 10 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren; and eight step-great grandchildren.

Mr. Kriegel was preceded in death by his parents, his wives, one son, Norman; four brothers, two sisters, two grandsons, David and Michael.