

Raymond Montgomery

Raymond Montgomery, 86, of Brooklyn died Sunday, Feb. 2, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, with the Rev. James B. Rea Jr. officiating. Organist was Nina Bartachek, and soloists were Jane Montgomery and Nancy Montgomery. Pallbearers were his grandsons, Scott, Kelly, Mark, Paul, Kyle, Joel and Patrick Montgomery, Jeff Schwiebert and Larry Hoskins. Burial was in Brooklyn Cemetery, with the Nevenhoven Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of William B. and Idella Read Montgomery, he was born March 29, 1905, in Bear Creek Township. He attended rural school and Brooklyn High School.

He was married to Sara Ladd May 16, 1928, in Brooklyn. A lifelong resident of the Brooklyn area, he farmed in Bear Creek Township for his entire working life and moved to Hillside Apartments in 1990.

Mr. Montgomery was a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church, served as a director of the TIP-REC Board for 21 years and served on the ASCS, Community Chest, Social Services and telephone boards. He also was a long-time township clerk and election official.

Surviving are his wife, Sara; his five children, Willis of Brooklyn, Gene of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Robert of Santa Maria, Calif., Ruth Schwiebert of Marion and Joyce Hoskins of Crescent, Okla.; one brother, Howard of Forsyth, Ill.; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

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