

## Paul Paynter

Former Brooklyn Mayor Paul Paynter, 69, died Wednesday, April 28, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, with the Rev. James B. Rea officiating. Pallbearers were Kenneth Carmichael, Tom Law, Pat Vercande, Lloyd Hall, Dale Lippincott and Alfred Peska. Honorary bearers were Arthur Keller, Frank Van Ersvelde, Terry Hall, Dean Montgomery, Maynard Saylor, Mark Davis and Glen Stauffer.

Military rites were conducted by members of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post 294, with burial in Brooklyn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church.

The son of Harry and Blanche Paynter, he was born Jan. 18, 1924, in Grinnell. He received his education in Brooklyn schools, graduating from high school in 1941. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a retired employee of Brooklyn Elevator.

He was married to Gladys Spading May 25, 1947, in Brooklyn. Mr. Paynter, a life-long resident of Poweshiek County, was a 50-year member and elder of the First United Presbyterian Church. He served on the Poweshiek County Veterans Affairs Commission and the Selective Service Board. He was mayor of Brooklyn for 12 years.

Mr. Paynter was a member of the American Legion; Corinthian Lodge No. 174, AF & AM, of Brooklyn; and the Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Department. He had helped organize the East Poweshiek County Ambulance Service and served as an emergency medical technician and driver for 10 years. He also served

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