

## Clifford C. 'Doc' Roberts

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, Jan. 24, in the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn, for Clifford C. Roberts, 86, of Brooklyn, who died Thursday morning, Jan. 22, 1998, in Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn.

Mr. Dennis Smith, minister of the Madison church of Christ, officiated, and the musician was Beverly Vaverka. Casket bearers were Lyle Oswood, Max Montgomery, John LaKose, Robert McCulley, Don Brannian and Jim Rhinehart. Interment was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Clifford C. Roberts was born Dec. 1, 1911, in Monroe County, the son of Richard Roberts and Nettie Farrell Roberts.

Clifford was known to his family and friends as "Doc." He received his education in Monroe County. On April 20, 1935, he was married to Melissa Mae McMullin in Ottumwa. They farmed in Monroe County until 1950. In 1950, they moved to the Brooklyn area where they farmed until 1959. He owned and operated service stations in Grinnell and Brooklyn from 1959 to 1965. From 1965 to 1974, Doc and Melissa owned and operated Roberts Dime Store in Brooklyn. Later in 1974 and until 1976, they owned and operated Book, Card and Gift Shop.

Roberts was a member of the Church of the Brethren of Brooklyn. In their retirement, Doc and Melissa enjoyed wintering in Arizona, traveling, and playing shuffleboard and cards.

He was preceded in death by his wife on Sept. 24, 1997; one daughter, Mary Lou Roberts who died at the age of five months; two brothers; two sisters; and one granddaughter, Kathleen Ann Smith.

Surviving are his son, James, and his fiancée, Jeanne Schofield, of Glendale, Ariz.; one daughter, Donna Smith, and her husband, Dale, of Brooklyn; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his sister-in-law, Icle Moyle of Des Moines; and a niece who was special to Doc, who was raised by his parents, Mary Naul of Moline, Ill.

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