

William David Simmons

William David Simmons, 73, of Brooklyn died Nov. 13, 1999 at Friendship Manor Care Center in Grinnell.

A family burial with military rites was Nov. 16 at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom. Services followed at Madison Church of Christ with Dennis Smith officiating.

Mr. Simmons was the son of Margaret Mae (Kuntz) and Richard Earl Simmons and was born Feb. 18, 1926 on a farm west of Brooklyn. He was raised in Brooklyn and graduated in 1944 from Brooklyn High School. After graduation, he joined the Navy and served until 1946.

He married Martha Ann Farley on May 15, 1949 at the Malcom Presbyterian Church.

He served an apprenticeship to become a mortician in Keokuk, but returned to Brooklyn due to his father's ill health. He remained in business with his father, buying hogs and trucking until his father's death. After being employed at Amana Refrigeration for five years, he worked as a career underwriter for Farm Bureau Insurance, where he remained for 23 years.

Mr. Simmons took great satisfaction in

his work and counted his greatest accomplishment as becoming a member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He was a member of the Madison Church of Christ, American Legion Post No. 294 and Brooklyn Kiwanis Club, which he served as president from 1975-76.

He also enjoyed young people and served as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, earning several service awards.

He also received the 4-H Alumni Award.

Additionally, he loved his family and friends, enjoyed camping with his family and the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Martha of Brooklyn; his children, Mike of Iowa City; Pat and his wife, Martha of Advance, NC; Sheila of Folsom, Calif.; Rod of Des Moines, Mark of Milo, Marnell Moss and her husband, Randy of Lubbock, Texas and Dick of Mount Vernon. He is also survived by a sister, Ruthlene Cleppe and her husband, Wallace of Brooklyn; nine grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

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A family burial at Ivy Hill Cemetery at Malcom with military rites was held Tuesday morning, Nov. 16, for William David Simmons, 73, of Brooklyn, who died Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999, at Friendship Manor Care Center in Grinnell, following a lengthy illness. Celebration of Life services were held at the Madison Church of Christ following the interment. Dennis Smith officiated.

William David Simmons, son of Richard Earl Simmons and Margaret Mae Kuntz Simmons, was born Feb. 18, 1926, on a farm west of Brooklyn. He was raised in Brooklyn and graduated in 1944 from Brooklyn High School. After graduation he joined the navy and served until 1946. He was married to Martha Ann Farley on May 15, 1949, at the Malcom Presbyterian Church.

William served his apprenticeship to be a mortician in Keokuk, but returned to Brooklyn due to his father's ill health. He remained in business with his father, buying hogs and trucking until his father's death.

After being employed at Amana Refrigeration for five years he began as a career underwriter for Farm Bureau Insurance, where he remained for 23 years until losing his eyesight from diabetes. He loved his employment there, with his greatest accomplishment being a member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

William enjoyed young people. He served as Cub Scout leader and Boy Scout leader, earning several service awards. He also received the 4-H Alumni Award. He was a member of the Madison Church of Christ, American Legion Post 294 and of the Brooklyn Kiwanis Club, serving as president in 1975-76.

He loved his family and friends, and enjoyed camping with his family, and the outdoors. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Martha, of Brooklyn; and his children, Mike of Iowa City, Pat and his wife, Martha, of Advance, N.C., Sheila of Folsom, Calif., Rod of Des Moines, Mark of Milo, Marnell Moss and her husband, Randy, of Lubbock, Texas, and Dick of Mount Vernon. He is also survived by a sister, Ruthlene Cleppe, and her husband, Wallace, of Brooklyn; nine grandchildren; and a niece and nephew.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established. Nevenhoven Funeral Services Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

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William D. Simmons, 73, of Brooklyn died following a lengthy illness Saturday, Nov. 13, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

A family graveside service with military rites will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom. Celebration of Life services will be held at 11 a.m. at the Madison Church of Christ, with Dennis Smith officiating.

He was the son of Richard Earl and Margaret Mae Kuntz Simmons and was born Feb. 18, 1926, on a farm west of Brooklyn. He was raised in Brooklyn and was a 1944 graduate of Brooklyn High School. He then joined the Navy and served until 1946.

He served his apprenticeship as a mortician in Keokuk, but returned to Brooklyn because of his father's ill health. He remained in business with his father, buying hogs and trucking. He then worked at Amana Refrigeration for five years until he began as a career underwriter for Farm Bureau Insurance. He remained in that position for 23 years.

He was married to Martha Ann Farley May 15, 1949, in Malcom.

Mr. Simmons served as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader, earning several service awards. He also received the 4-H Alumni Award. He was a member of the Madison Church of Christ, the American Legion and the Brooklyn Kiwanis Club, of which he was a past president.

Surviving are his wife; his children, Mike of Iowa City, Pat of Advance, N.C., Sheila of Folsom, Calif., Rod of Des Moines, Mark of Milo, Marnell Moss of Lubbock, Texas, and Dick of Mount Vernon; one sister, Ruthlene Cleppe of Brooklyn; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial has been established.