

Gordon L. Spease *BC June 21, 2000*

Funeral services were held Monday morning, June 19, at the Nevenhoven Funeral home in Brooklyn for Gordon L. Spease, 81, of Holiday Lake, Brooklyn, who died Thursday, June 15, 2000, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center, Grinnell.

The Rev. Delbert Dawes, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiated. The musician was Angie Hawkins and special selections were "In the Garden" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Casket bearers were J.C. Miller, Bob Godwin, Jim Hamilton, Larry Champlin, Jerry Ennen and Manford Ennen. Graveside services were conducted Monday afternoon at Elm Grove Cemetery, Des Moines.

Gordon LaRoy Spease, son of A.T. Spease and Minnie Mac Butler Spease, was born Sept. 20, 1918, in Hot Springs, S.D. Gordon received his elementary education in Palmer, Neb., and attended college for two years in Nebraska. He served with the United States Army during World War II.

He worked for Younkers in Des Moines as an electronic serviceman for 31 years retiring in 1981.

He was married to Margaret Hartsook for 30 years and they were the parents of three children, Christian, Linda and Beth.

On Sept. 22, 1971, he was married to Julianna Lewis in Watertown, S.D., and they moved from Des Moines to Holiday Lake, Brooklyn, in 1971. Gordon was a former member of Park Avenue Christian Church of Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by a brother.

Surviving are his wife, Julianna Spease of Holiday Lake, Brooklyn; one son, Christian Spease of Sedalia, Mo.; two daughters, Linda, Mrs. Walt Smith, of Mira Loma, Calif., and Beth Ann Spease of Castro Valley, Calif.; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Roberta Ann Guellbert of St. Paul, Minn.; one sister, Mrs. Frances Martin of Spring Valley, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial fund has been established.