Fred Griffith, 85

Fred Griffith, 85, of Brooklyn, died Monday, July 19, 2004, at St. Francis Manor, Grinnell.

Funeral services for Fred Griffith were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 23, 2004, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn. Fr. Brian J. Shepley officiated the service. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

The casket bearers were Steve Hawkins, Joe Sass, Jeremy Sass, Tony Griffith, Buck Austin, and Bill Griffith. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

A vigil service was held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home.

A memorial fund has been established.

Fred Griffith, the son of Floyd Griffith and Lula Davenport Griffith, was born February 18, 1919, in Valpen, Indiana.

The family moved to a farm north of Malcom in 1925 where they farmed. Fred graduated from Malcom High School in 1936. Fred served with the United States Army from January 1943 to November 1945.

He moved to Brooklyn in 1941, and on September 1, 1941, Fred married Frances A. Leeper at St. Patrick's Rectory in Brooklyn. They were the parents of 12 children: Carolyn Jo, Dan, Dick, Sue, Shorty, Kris, Anne, Jim, Fred, John, Dale and Sally.

Fred was a trucker most of his life, and he was also a livestock buyer.

Mr. Griffith was a member of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post of Brooklyn. He enjoyed spending time with his family, horse racing, playing cards, baseball and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Carolyn; and his brother Herschel.

Surviving are his wife, Frances; his children, Dan Griffith and wife Kandi of Brooklyn, Dick Griffith and wife Nita of Mabank, Texas Sue Griffith of Cedar Rapids, Shorty Griffith of Brooklyn, Kris Sass and husband Jerome of Luana, , Anne Manatt and husband Jim of Brooklyn, Fred Griffith and wife Glenda of Brooklyn, John Griffith and wife Jackie of Brooklyn, Dale Griffith and wife Candace of Brooklyn and Sally Hawkins and husband Mark of Brooklyn; two brothers, Ike Griffith of Malcom and Dale Griffith of Austin, Texas; 34 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.