

Harry Patten, 96

Harry Patten, 96, of Brooklyn, formerly of Blairstown, died of a brief illness on Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004, at Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church. The Rev. David Rogula officiated. Burial was at Hartwick Cemetery, Hartwick.

Overton Family Funeral Home in Blairstown was in charge of the arrangements. A memorial fund has been established.

Harry George Patten was born on October 19, 1908, on a farm near Brooklyn, the son of Alfred and Daisy (Orr) Patten. He started his education in country school and



graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1927. On November 25, 1932, Harry married Marietta Sherwood Keefe in Sigourney.

Harry worked over the years in the selling of livestock feed, grain and produce. He then worked as a USDA egg inspector for 8 years. During that time, he lived in Oskaloosa, Maquoketa, Reedsburg, Wis., and Victor. Marietta preceded him in death on May 3, 1977. Harry then moved to live in the funeral home in Blairstown for 23 years. He worked for the families of Van Beck, Russell and more recently the Overton Family in the funeral home. Harry retired on February 25, 2000, and he moved to the Brookhaven Nursing Home in Brooklyn.

He was a lifetime member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Blairstown Lions Club. While in Lions Club, he received the Melvin Jones Fellow award. Harry always enjoyed the chance to visit with anyone, and he was very proud of his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marietta; two brothers, Howard and Jack Patten; two sisters, Gladys and Virgie Patten; two sons, Wayne Keefe and Dean Patten; and a special friend, Viola Kennett.

Harry is survived by a son, Don (Becky) Keefe of Phoenix, Ariz.; two daughters-in-law, Donna Keefe Ellison of Oskaloosa and Jeane Patten Hoyland of Holland, Iowa; seven grandchildren, Kevin (Deb) Keefe, Karen (Monte) Johnson, MeMe (Mark) Shelton, Jeff Keefe, Kirk (Tina) Patten, Kyle Patten and Sue Rasmussen, and Kristi (Larry) Schachterle; ten great-grandchildren; a sister, Ruth Bowman of Pine Bluffs, Wyo.; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Harry's smile will be greatly missed.

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