

Alfred Peska, 81

Alfred Peska, 81, of Brooklyn, died Wednesday, November 17, 2004, in Mercy Hospital, Iowa City.

Funeral services for Alfred Peska were held on Saturday, November 20, 2004, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn. The Rev. Brian Shepley officiated the service. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, with military rites conducted by members of the American Legion.

The casket bearers were John Fetter, Nathan Arens, Don Brannian, Harold Hiner, Gene Osborn and Dean Lippincott.

Nevenhoven Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

A memorial fund has been established.

Alfred Louis Peska, son of John Peska and Frances Pruska Peska, was born on October 24, 1923, on a farm in Chelsea. Alfred received his education in a rural school. He farmed until he entered the U.S. Army during World War II.

On October 19, 1946, he married Irene Victoria Arens in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. They were the parents of two children, Larry and Jeanne.

After they were married, he worked at a dairy farm in Watkins, and he then farmed near Blairstown. They farmed from 1953 to 1985 near Brooklyn when they moved into Brooklyn. Alfred sold Cargill seeds for many years.

Alfred was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn, the American Legion, and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, fishing, gardening and playing cards.

His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving Alfred are his wife, Irene, of Brooklyn; a son, Larry Peska, and his wife, Joyce, of Flower Mound, Texas; a daughter, Jeanne Moyer, and her husband, Mike, of Ottumwa; and four grandchildren, James (Heather) Moyer, Michele (Chad) Goldsmith, Jennifer Peska and Justin Peska.

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