

James Rhinehart, 74

James Rhinehart, 74, of Brooklyn, died Wednesday, November 24, 2004, in his home.

Services were held on Monday at the Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with Dennis Smith, minister of the Madison Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery with military honors conducted by members of the American Legion.

The casket bearers were Jay Pringle, Steve Ellefson, Tim Hunter, Caylen Pringle, Cordell Pringle and Erik Ellefson.

A memorial fund has been established.

The Nevenhoven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

James Leo Rhinehart, the son of Leo Rhinehart and Mabel White Rhinehart, was born February 8, 1930, in Brooklyn. Jim received his education in Brooklyn, graduating from high school in 1948. He served with the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1954.

On April 24, 1954, he married Helga Gaberdiel in Heidelberg, Germany. They were the parents of three daughters: Linda, Phyllis and Colleen.

Jim farmed for several years, and he then worked for Carpenter's Feed and Seed. In 1973, Jim and Helga bought the store from Carpenter's, and they operated Rhinehart's Feed and Seed until 1993 when they retired.

Jim served as mayor of Brooklyn from 1993 to 2003. He was an EMT with East Poweshiek Ambulance Service for several years. He organized and helped with the building of a local Habitat for Humanity House.

Jim was a member of the Church of the Brethren, and for the past year, he attended Madison Church of Christ. He was a member of the American Legion and the Kiwanis. He enjoyed ultralight flying with his brother Wally.

His father and a brother, Charles, preceded him in death.

Surviving him are his wife, Helga; three daughters and their husbands, Linda and Jay Pringle of Washburn, Wisconsin, Phyllis and Steve Ellefson of Lakeville, Minnesota, and Colleen and Tim Hunter of Cedar Rapids; his mother, Mabel Rhinehart, of Brooklyn; his brother, Wallace Rhinehart, of Brooklyn; three sisters, Opal Septer of Montezuma, Marilyn Dickson of Port Ludlow, Washington, and Janet Smith of Weatherford, Oklahoma; and seven grandchildren, Caylen, Cordell and Nolana Pringle, Erik and Kyle Ellefson, and Madison and Abigail Hunter.

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