

John Taylor Services Held 5/11/74

John W. Taylor, 56, a prominent Brooklyn businessman, died Wednesday night at his home at Holiday Lake of an apparent heart attack.

The son of Emmett J. and Mary Ann Johnston Taylor, he was born Mar. 19, 1918, near Guernsey. He was graduated from Guernsey High School and later from the Cedar Rapids Business College.

Mr. Taylor worked for the Wilson Co. in Cedar Rapids, Chicago, Ill., and in Kansas. He returned to Iowa and farmed until 1941 when he entered the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific for 3½ years. Following his discharge in 1945, he farmed until 1948, then went into the insurance business with his father. He bought the firm in 1954, following his father's death, and continued to operate the Taylor Insurance Agency in Brooklyn.

On Aug. 29, 1945, he was married to the former Ardella McSherry in Ottumwa.

Mr. Taylor was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church of Brooklyn, the Brooklyn Commercial Club, and the American Legion. He had served as president of the Iowa Association of Mutual Insurance Agents and the Guernsey School Board.

He is survived by his wife; five sons, Richard of Brooklyn, Raymond of Baxter, James of Scottsdale, Ariz., Kenneth of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, and Emmett of Brooklyn; a daughter, Barbara of Vinton; his mother, Mrs. Mary Taylor of Des Moines; two sisters, Mrs. Leona Stephen of Cedar Rapids and Margaret Taylor of Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his father, who died in 1954.

Funeral services for Mr. Taylor were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, with the Rev. J. Arthur Eveland, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Brooklyn, with military rites conducted by Francis Gallagher American Legion Post 294.

The Nevenhoven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.