## EARL WHEELER

Earl Wheeler, 82, of Cedar Rapids, a former resident of Brooklyn, died April 6 in St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar

Rapids.

Funeral services for Mr. Wheeler were held at 11 a.m. April 9 in the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. Rev. James B. Rea, Jr., Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. The organist was Mrs. Nina Bartachek. Flower attendants were Mr. and Mrs. August VanRenterghem and Mr. and Mis. Paul Urfer. Casket-bearers were Kenneth Heck, Bill Heck, Ronald Wheeler, Richard Wheeler, James Ayers, and Robert Ayers. Interment was in the Brooklyn Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Earl Bennett Wheeler, son of Nobel and Millie Bennett Wheeler, was born Oct. 16, 1909, near Brooklyn. Wheeler received his education in a rural school. On Sept. 1, 1929, he was united in marriage to Mabel Leone Mowrey in Montezuma. They farmed north of Brooklyn for a few years and he operated a road grader for Poweshiek County for over forty years.

Wheeler was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn. Surviving are his daughter, Fern Heck of Cedar Rapids; a son and his wife, Ronald and Jean Wheeler of Sigourney; one brother, Claude of Tucson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; 18 greatgrandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

Wheeler was preceded in death by his parents, his wife who died Oct. 23, 1990; five brothers, and one sister.