



Balzer P. Kriegel, 87

March 30, 1908 - Aug. 17,
1995

Brooklyn - Balzer Peter Kriegel, son of Balzer and Mary Ann Brimmer Kriegel, was born March 30, 1908, on a farm north of Brooklyn. He received his education in a rural school near his home. He and his brother farmed for their father. Later, he was a truck driver for the Brooklyn Creamery, worked for the Brooklyn Telephone Company, worked on the bridge gang of Poweshiek County Road Department and was manager for Farm Service at Columbus Junction and Harlan.

He married Dovey Newton April 12, 1930, in Newton. They were the parents of four children, Charley, Neoma, Karen and Norman. She

died July 5, 1966. On June 22, 1968 he married Jeanette Rasmussen in Harlan. They moved to Holiday Lake at Brooklyn in 1975 and in 1987 they moved to Harlan. She died April 12, 1989 and later he returned to Brooklyn. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, the American Legion, Farm Service Pioneer Club and the Harlan Lions Club. He was a volunteer fireman at Brooklyn and ran for sheriff in 1952. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He died Aug. 17, 1995 in the Brookhaven Nursing Home, Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wives; one son, Norman; four brothers; two sisters; and two grandsons, David and Michael. Surviving are his son, Charley (Patricia) of Excelsior Springs, MO; two daughters, Neoma Patten of Concord, CA and Karen Moore (John) of Walnut Creek, CA; four step-daughters, Kathy Kienast (Clint) of Kirkman; Carol Fiscus (Terry) of Kirkman; Lois Heese (Ronald) of Kirkman and Nancy Swenson of Harlan; two step-sons, Andrew (Deanna) Rasmussen of Irwin and Randy Rasmussen (Connie) of Bellevue, NE; one sister, Marie Schulte of Brooklyn; 10 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; 14 step-grandchildren and eight step-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 21, 1995 in the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. Rev. James B. Rea officiated. Casket bearers were Charles Hawkins, John Hawkins, Jim Hawkins, Mark Hawkins, Matt Hawkins and David Hawkins. Burial was in the Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery with military rites conducted by members of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post #924.