

**DONALD "DON" E. ATKINSON**

Brooklyn

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Visitation: 9:00-11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Kloster Funeral Home, Brooklyn. Funeral services followed at 11:00 a.m., at the funeral home with Rev. Guylain Yumba officiating. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery,

Brooklyn, with military honors conducted by the Brooklyn American Legion Post #294 and the U.S. Army Honor Guard. Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Kloster Funeral Home at PO Box 341, Brooklyn, Iowa 52211, for the BGM Citizens Scholarship Fund.

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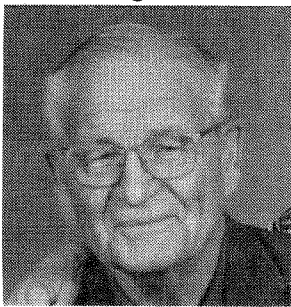
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Online condolences: [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com)

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