

Myron Beerends

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Myron Howard Beerends was born on October 17, 1931, at his parents home near Otley, Iowa. He was the youngest of six children that



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were born to Louis T. and Dirkie Van Zomeren Beerends, who originated from the Netherlands.

Myron attended country grade school near Prairie City, Iowa. During a 4th of July celebration in Pella, Iowa, Myron met Juniella Grace Vink, a daughter of John and Anna Schuring Vink, Jr., and on June 27, 1952, they were united in marriage in Pella. To this union four children were born: Harlan Glen, Darlene Faye, Duane Owen and Larry Lavern.

Soon after their marriage, in September of 1952, Myron was drafted into the United States Army and he served during the Korean War until his discharge in September of 1954. Following his discharge they lived in Pella until 1956 when they moved to Sully, Iowa.

Myron bought and operated Sully Auto Body and together they built and managed this successful business for almost 50 years. Collision repair and towing service was not only a lifelong occupation for Myron, but associated with it, he had a passion for collectible tow trucks. He also developed an interest in painted saw blades and belt buckles.

Myron had been an active member of the Sully Business Men's Association for many years and took great pride in the community of Sully. He helped plan and organize the Sully 4th of July parade for many years and was very proud of the success of this annual event.

He had also served as a board member of the Sully Health Foundation which ensured health service availability to Sully. After their children were grown, Myron and Junella belonged to a motorcycle club and spent many memorable weekends riding their Gold Wing.

Myron's days began with a

trip to Casey's to meet with his buddies for coffee and to solve the world's problems while sitting on the tailgate of their pickups. Most enjoyable to Myron was spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In 2009 Myron and Junella moved to Pella and, in October of the same year, his health condition required more assistance and supervision and he became a resident at Pleasant Care Living Center in Pleasantville, Ia.

On Tuesday evening, March 16, 2010, he passed away at the Hospice of Pella Comfort House in Pella at the age of 78 years, 4 months and 27 days. Myron was a loving husband to his wife, Junella, for almost 58 years, a father to his four children and their spouses and grandfather to his 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. They are Harlan and Norma (Van Wyk) Beerends of Sully, Iowa, Darlene and Loren Van Zanten of Pella, Iowa, Duane and Trisha (Benson) Beerends of New Sharon, Iowa and Larry Beerends of Pella, Iowa. Of his original family Myron leaves his brother-in-law, Ray Rykerk of Mitchellville, Iowa and a sister-in-law, Anna Mae (Vink) Slycord presently of Knoxville, Iowa.

Myron was the last surviving member of his original family and was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Dirkie Beerends; his parents-in-law, John and Anna Vink; a sister, Lenora Beerends who was still-born, a brother, Roy Beerends who died during his childhood; his brother, Donald and his wife, Aletta Beerends, his two sisters, Louise Rykerk and Evelyn and her husband, Clifford Jackson; and a brother-in-law, Peter Slycord.

Myron had been a member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church in Sully for 50 years and at the present time was a member of the Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa.

For those desiring, memorials may be given for the Sully Business Association to be designated for the 4th of July Celebration or the Hospice of Pella Comfort House.

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