Gerritt Terlouw

Gerritt Terlouw, 90, of Grinnell died Aug. 1, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 5, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Doug Smiley, Lynnhaven Friends Church, officiating. Organist and vocalist will be Eileen Smiley. Pallbearers will be Arvin Lander, Phil Nikkel and Daryl, David, Dennis, Doug and Kevin Terlouw. Burial will be in the Sully Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Francis Manor Foundation or American Diabetes Association.

Gerritt was born Dec. 21, 1920, on his family's farm in Jasper County, north of Sully, the son of Henry and Alice Nikkel Terlouw. He attended Sudlow Rural School near his home. He was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II and served in the European theater.

Upon his discharge in 1945, he returned to Jasper County and began farming with his father. He was a third-generation owner of the farmstead and retired in 2007. He moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in September of 2007.

Gerritt loved his life on the farm, and took great pride in his farm operation, all the maintenance, and the neat appearance of the homestead.

Survivors include two brothers, Henry "Hank" Terlouw and Bob Terlouw of Grinnell; one sister, Jennie Terlouw, also of Grinnell; two sisters-in-law, Donna Terlouw of Lynnhaven and Lois (Don) Vander Schel of Pella; many nieces and nephews; several great and great-great nieces and nephews; and many close cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James and Ollie Terlouw; and one sister, Marie Terlouw.
Obituary

Gerritt Terlouw

Gerritt Terlouw, 90, of Grinnell died August 1, 2011, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, August 5, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Doug Smiley, Lynden Friends Church, officiating. Burial was in the Sully Cemetery, Sully, Iowa. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Francis Manor Foundation or American Diabetes Association.

Gerritt was born December 21, 1920, on his family's farm in Jasper County, north of Sully, the son of Henry and Alice Nikkel Terlouw. He attended Sudlow Rural School near his home. He was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II and served in the European Theatre.

Upon his discharge in 1945, he returned to Jasper County and began farming with his father. He was a 3rd generation owner of the farmstead and retired in 2007. He moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in September of 2007.

Gerritt loved his life on the farm; it was a life-long interest of his. He took great pride in his farm operation, all the maintenance, and the neat appearance of the homestead.

Survivors include two brothers, Henry "Hank" Terlouw and Bob Terlouw of Grinnell; one sister, Jennie Terlouw, also of Grinnell; two sisters-in-law, Donna Terlouw of Lynden and Lois (Don) Vander Schel of Pella; his nieces and nephews, Daryl Terlouw, Dave (Cynthia) Terlouw, Dennis (Gail) Terlouw, Doug (Lori) Terlouw, Kevin (Kelly) Terlouw, Marcen McDougal, Ronda (Arvin) Lauser and Shelly (Phil) Nikkel; several great and great-great nieces and nephews; and many close cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, James and Ollie Terlouw; one sister, Marie Terlouw; and two sisters-in-law, Grace (Mrs. Hank) Terlouw and Ella Mae (Mrs. Bob) Terlouw.