

Donald Butler, 79, Pella

Donald T. Butler, 79, of Pella passed away Feb. 3, 2006. Funeral services were held Feb. 7, at the Second Reformed Church in Pella. Private interment was held at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be given for Central College, Second Reformed Church or Hospice of Pella.



D. Butler

Donald Thomas Butler, the third child of Donald Malone and Charlotte Wimp Butler, was born on March 8, 1926, at Sullivan, Illinois. He was graduated from Sullivan High School with the Class of 1944. Donald enlisted, and served in the U. S. Army Air Corps from 1944 to 1946. Following his honorable discharge, he enrolled at Wabash College in Indiana.

On Feb. 1, 1948, in Crawfordsville, Indiana, Barbara Little became Don's wife. In 1948, their daughter, Katherine Louise, was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and in 1952, their son, Charles Donald, was born in Washington, D.C. Donald completed his undergraduate studies at Western Michigan at Kalamazoo, Michigan. Don received his BA Degree in Economics there in 1950. Don later completed his MA in Economics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and then took a position with the United States Treasury

Department in Washington, D.C. Donald held the position as a Fiscal Economist with the U. S. Treasury Department until 1953 when the Butlers left for Pella. Donald began his teaching at Central College in 1953 as a one-person department. It was during this time that Don commuted summers to Madison, Wisconsin to finish his graduate studies. The family joined him for one year at the University of Wisconsin where he completed his Ph.D. in Economics. Don was a Professor of Economics and Management at Central College until his retirement in 1996.

Among those who will cherish his memory are his wife of 58 years, Barbara L. Butler; their two children and their spouses: Katherine L. (Kay) Butler-Nalin and her husband, Paul of Goleta, California; Charles D. Butler and his wife, Lisbeth of Red Wing, Minnesota; and three grandchildren: Alethea Butler-Nalin, Amelia Butler-Nalin and William Butler. Of his original family, Don leaves his three sisters and their husbands: Charlotte A. Raines of Hyattsville, Maryland, Elizabeth L. and Martin Halttunen of Erie, Pennsylvania, Ruth M. and Charles Reace of Westhampton, New Jersey; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Donald and Ethel Little of Oxnard, California. Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Donald M. and Charlotte W. Butler, and brother-in-law, Irving Raines.