

Cornie Jansen, 72, Sully

Cornie Jansen, 72, of Sully passed away Jan. 16, 2006. Funeral services were held Jan. 20, at the Sully Christian Reformed Church. Interment was held at the Sully Cemetery. Memorials can be given to the Sully Christian Grade School.



C. Jansen

Cornie Lewis Jansen was born south of Lynnville, on Jan. 27, 1933. He was the fourth of five children and the only son born to Gerrit C. and Elizabeth Popma Jansen. Cornie graduated from the Black Oak Country Grade School and lived with his parents until he was drafted into the U. S. Army. Cornie served his country and was stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged on April 27, 1955.

Following his discharge, he and Geraldine Rus met and were united in marriage on Sept. 17, 1957, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Pella. To this union three children were born: Linda, Leann and James. Cornie and Jerri lived in Newton, for three years following their marriage. They then moved to Sully. Cornie was employed at the Sully Cooperative Exchange. He worked there for nearly 40 years before he retired. He served on the Sully vol-

unteer fire department for 40 years, as a member of the Sully ambulance service, was actively involved in the development of the Diamond Trail Golf Course, and was serving on the Sully Cemetery Board.

Those who will cherish his memory are his wife, Jerri; their three children and their husbands and wife; and nine grandchildren: Linda K. and Craig Zylstra of Sully, Jason Zylstra, Jennifer Zylstra, Paige Zylstra; Leann S. and Scott De Jong of Ankeny, Emily De Jong, Brittany De Jong, Zachary De Jong; James A. and Rachel (Vander Berg) Jansen of Sheldon, Vanessa Jansen, Summer Jansen, Corrie Jansen.

Of his original family Cornie leaves three sisters and their husbands: Bernice and Louis Dieleman of Pella; Cornelia (Corky) Boat, Shirley and Bruce Baarda all of Sully. Of his wife, Jerri's family, Cornie leaves the following sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Dorothy and John Van Gorp Jr., Wilma and Arnold Ryken, John and Frankie Rus, Donald and Linda Rus, Nancy and Arnold Gritters, Marvin and Carol Rus all of Pella.

Cornie was preceded in death by his parents, Gerrit C. and Elizabeth Jansen; his sister, Mary C. Nikkel; and two brothers-in-law, Harris Boat and Joe Nikkel. Cornie was a lifelong member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church.