

Daniel Van Kooten 72, Pella

Daniel W. Van Kooten, 72, of Pella passed away Feb. 9, 2006. Funeral services were held Feb. 13, at the Sully Christian Reformed Church. Casket bearers were Henry Van Kooten, Delmer Van Kooten, Edward Van Kooten, Bryce De Jong, Steve Harthoorn, Dwight Harsselaar, Russ Jansen, Darwin Vos, Marva Hoogland. Interment was held at the Sully Cemetery. Memorials can be given to the Christian Opportunity Center or the Sully Christian Grade School.



D. Van Kooten

Daniel Wilbur Van Kooten was born south of Sully, on March 12, 1933. He was the fifth of 10 children born to Cornelius and Jennie Dieleman Van Kooten. Dan and his twin brother Delmer shared a special bond, as most twins do. Dan was born with a mental disability which hindered his capability to learn, but not his desire to work and enjoy life. Dan attended school at the Sully Christian Grade School as a young boy. Dan lived for several years with his parents on the family farm southwest of Sully until 1967 when the family moved into Sully. After his father passed away, Dan continued to live with his mother until he became a resident of the Christian Opportunity Center in

Pella. Dan was a resident at several of the group homes in Pella. He was an eager worker and enjoyed earning his paycheck by doing assembly in the workshop. Dan was keenly aware that his brothers and sisters rotated their role in taking him to church on Sundays. Dan made profession of his faith on Dec. 4, 1983, at the Sully Christian Reformed Church, where he maintained his membership his entire life. In January of 2005, Dan left his home at C.O.C. and moved to the Long Term Care Unit of Pella Regional Health Center.

Those who will cherish his memory are his brothers and sisters: Henry and Virginia Van Kooten of Leighton; Ida Harsselaar of Sully; Cornelia and Charlie Jansen of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Delia and Johnnie De Jong of Sully; Delmer and Wilma Van Kooten of Pella; Norma and Carroll Harthoorn of Sully; Edward and Judy Van Kooten of Sully.

Daniel also leaves behind the wife of his late brother Clarence, Lois (Norman) Van Wyk, along with a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cornelius Van Kooten who died in 1969 and Jennie Van Kooten who died in 1983; brother, Clarence Van Kooten in 1961; sister, Jean Vos in 1979; brothers-in-law, Alberthus Harsselaar and Kenneth Vos; nephew, Tim Jansen and nephew-in-law, Duane Schmitt.