Jerald Veenendaal, 77, Pella

Jerald Veenendaal, 77, of Pella passed away Jan. 21, 2006. Funeral services were held Jan. 25, at the Third Reformed Church in Pella. Interment was held at Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Memorials may be designated for the Hospice of Pella Comfort House.

Jerald Marion Veenendaal, son of Sarah (Stouwie) and Marinus Veenendaal, was born on May 4, 1928. He attended school in Otley and Pella. On March 8, 1950, Jerry was united in marriage with Mary Ann Samson. To this union, two children were born: Marvin Gene and Jeanne Eileen. Jerry was a semi-driver. After retiring from driving semi, he drove for Midwest Sanitation until 2003. Jerry was a member of Third Reformed Church in Pella. Jerry was also belonged to Highway Ministries of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a ministry for semi-drivers. This past year, Jerry and Mary Ann furnished and delivered 1000 New Testaments to surrounding truck stops. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Ann, his two children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They and their families are: Marv and Nita Veenendaal, Michael Veenendaal, Jody and Alix Veenendaal, Tessa, Kai; Jeanne and Larry Overton, Jerry Overton, Amber and Chad Wallace, Cody, Kara, Joel and Abby Overton, Joshua and Megan Overton, and Hope.

He is also survived by his sister, Phyllis Bokhoven, his brother, Leroy Veenendaal, his brother-in-law, Arthur (Kathryn) Samson, and many nieces and nephews. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Marinus and Sarah Veenendaal, his sister-in-law, Patty Veenendaal, and his brother-in-law, Arthur Bokhoven.