

Gilbert Beekhuizen, 81, Pella

Gilbert Beekhuizen, 81, of Pella passed away July 15, 2006. Funeral services were held July 18, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Pella. Interment was held at Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Memorials can be given to Hospice of Pella Comfort House.

G. Beekhuizen

Gilbert John Beekhuizen was born on Jan. 19, 1925, near Tracy, to Gerrit and Minnie (Hol) Beekhuizen. He attended the Tracy Consolidated School and as a young man made his profession of his faith at the Tracy Christian Reformed Church in Tracy.

On May 17, 1945, he was united in marriage with Wilma C. Kool and to this union one daughter was born, Dianna Jean. Gilbert and Wilma farmed in Marion and Mahaska counties until the late 1950's when he changed occupations due to his health reasons. They then moved into Pella, and Gib worked for the



Maytag Company in Newton, until his retirement in 1987.

Those left to honor his memory are his wife of 61 years, Wilma; their daughter and her husband, Dianna and Carl Veenstra of Pella; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They are Kimberly and George Blom of Pella, and their children Matthew, Caleb, Hannah, Gabriel; Kristi Veenstra of Urbandale, Ryan Veenstra of Johnston. Of his original family, Gilbert leaves his sister, Janet (Wilbur) Van Hall of Tracy and his youngest brother Gary Beekhuizen and his wife, Andrea of Des Moines; along with several nieces and nephews. His extended family includes his wife's sisters and their husbands: Bernice and Richard Veldhuizen of Oskaloosa; Freda and Pete Roozeboom of Pella; and her sister-in-law, Estina (Elmer) Kool of Pella.

Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents; his brother-in-law, Wilbur Van Hall; and a brother-in-law, Elmer Kool.

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