

Frank De Jong, 81, Pella

Frank J. De Jong, 81, of Pella passed away May 17, 2006. Funeral services were held May 20, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Pella. Interment was held at the Oakwood Cemetery in Pella.



Frank John De Jong was the fourth of seven children that were born to Garrett D. and Rena Tilma De Jong. He was born on Sept. 24, 1924, at Otley. Frank received his formal education attending the Liberty Corner Country Grade School through the eighth grade and then Pella Christian High School.

On March 17, 1947, he was united in marriage with Vera Naomi Vroom. To this union two children were born: Douglas V. De Jong and Carol Diane De Jong. Frank and Naomi, as she was known, took over the family farm west of Pella

following their marriage.

Those who will cherish his memory are his loving wife of 59 years, Naomi; their two children: Doug and his wife, Pat (Engbers) De Jong of Iowa City, and their two children: Nicole De Jong of Portland, Oregon and Jessica De Jong of Seattle, Washington; and Carol De Jong of San Diego, California and her two children: Jamie De Jong of San Francisco, California and Alex De Jong of Fort Collins, Colorado. Of his original family Frank leaves his sister, Effie and her husband, John H. Vermeer and a brother, John J. De Jong; and a sister-in-law, Marilyn (Gerald) De Jong all of Pella. Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Garrett D. and Rena De Jong; two sisters: Nellie E. Nikkel, Cora J. and her husband, Arie Dahm; two brothers: Dick A. De Jong and his wife, Estallene, Gerald J. De Jong; and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Viola (Vroom) and Henry B. Ver Meer.