Bernard De Zwarte, 89, Newton—

Bernard De Zwarte, 89, of Newton passed away Oct. 24, 2006. Funeral services were held Oct. 27, at the First Reformed Church in Sully. Memorials can be given to the First Reformed Church in Sully.

Bernard Murray De Zwarte, son of Marinus J. and Maggie (Goemaat) De Zwarte, was born Sept. 21, 1917, in Pella. Bernard received his education at the Reiter Country School in southern Jasper County. As a young man, he worked as a hired hand for local area farmers.

On Feb. 1, 1940, he was united in marriage with Wilma Dunsbergen at her parents, home in Jasper County. To this union three children were born: Carroll Dwayne, Linda Lou, and Glen Murray. The family farmed south of Kellogg for 66 years.

Bernard is survived by Wilma, his wife of 66 years; three children and their spouses: Carroll and Rosalie De Zwarte of West Des Moines, Glen and Carol Ann De Zwarte of Newton, Linda and Dennis Van Maanen of Kellogg; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Marjorie Van Genderen of Sully and Reva Van Wyk of Searsboro; and two brothers-in-law: Ben Dunsbergen of Newton and Bob Dunsbergen of Sully.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his sister, Leona Van Manen; three brothers-in-law: John Van Manen, Paul Van Genderen, and Clarence Van Wyk; also his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Nellie and Everett Jansen; sisters-in-law, Margaret Dunsbergen and Anna Mae Dunsbergen.