

Cornie Dunsbergen, 86, Lynnville

Cornie Dunsbergen, 86, of Lynnville passed away Dec. 30, 2006. Funeral services were held Jan. 3, 2007 at the

First Reformed Church in Sully.

Interment was held at the Sully Cemetery

Cornelius Dunsbergen was born on Nov. 10, 1920, near Killduff. He was



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the second of two sons, his older brother was William, born to Case and Beca Elenga Dunsbergen, who were from Leusden, the Netherlands. Cornie's mother died when he was 2 1/2 years old. His father married Madge Montgomery and to this union two children were born: Mabel and Dick Dunsbergen. The family was raised near Lynnville, where Cornie attended the Black Oak Country Grade School. Cornie and Wanda Terpstra, a childhood acquaintance, began dating and were united in marriage on Dec. 2, 1943 at the home of Wanda's sister, Anna (Terpstra) and Lyle Montgomery, west of Lynnville.

To this union four children were born: Melvin Eugene, Marlis Rae, Carna Jo and Curtis Allan. Following their marriage Cornie and Wanda lived and farmed north of Lynnville. Farming was not only a way of living for Cornie but a way of life. He thoroughly enjoyed the farm and eventually grew a fruit tree plot on the farm. They moved to Lynnville in 1976 and soon thereafter he began working as Jasper County Farm Manager near Newton. Cornie held this position for several years. After he retired, he continued to find enjoyment and pleasure in playing the guitar and singing, fishing, participating in tractor rides, and exercising with a swim group in Grinnell. For 15 years, Cornie and Wanda enjoyed

wintering in Brownsville, Texas. On Friday morning, Dec. 29, 2006, Cornie passed away at his home in Lynnville following prolonged illnesses.

Those who will cherish his memory are his faithful, devoted wife of 63 years, Wanda; their four children and their spouses, 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Their families are: Melvin and Shirley (Van Wyk) Dunsbergen of Lynnville; Marlis and Jim Van Zante of Lynnville; Carna and Duane Simmons of Keller, Texas; Curtis and Angel (Hagan) Dunsbergen of Sully. Of his original family, Cornie leaves his half-brother, Dick Dunsbergen and his wife, Mick of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and three sisters-in-law, Anna (William) Dunsbergen of Colfax; Anna (Terpstra) Olsthoorn of Sully and Wilhelmina (Terpstra) Monsma of Pella. Cornie was preceded in death by his parents, Case and Beca Dunsbergen, his step-mother, Madge Dunsbergen; his brother, William Dunsbergen; and his half-sister, Mabel and her husband, Ray Jay. Cornie made profession of his faith at the First Reformed Church in Sully in the Spring of 1945 along with his wife, Wanda. He remained a faithful member there the remainder of his lifetime where he had served as an Elder. Cornie had also been a member of the National Farmers Organization and the Lynnville Lions Club in Lynnville. Cornie will be long remembered by family, friends and relatives as a fun-loving, caring, Christian family man. In the last years he could be found driving his scooter to the Lynnville Cafe, Fire House, or Zip-N and, of course, enjoyed giving his great-grandchildren scooter rides. He will be greatly missed by many throughout the community.

For those desiring memorials may be given to Wagamon Mill Museum in Lynnville or Angel Tree Camp Scholarships

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He is survived by his wife Wanda Terpstra Dunsbergen and four children, Melvin Dunsbergen and Marlis VanZante, both of Lynnville, Curt Dunsbergen of Sully and Carna Simmons of Keller, Texas.