Clarence Van Eden, 68, Pella

Clarence Van Eden was born to Gysbert and Ella (Goemaat) Van Eden on Jan. 2, 1939, at his parents' country home on the original Goemaat homestead, south of Pella.

He attended Pleasant Grove Country School and Pella High School. In 1955, he started working at Pella Rolscreen and retired from what is now known as Pella Corporation as a painter in 1990.

Speed passed away at the Pella Regional Health Center on the morning of Feb. 11, 2007, at the age of 68 years.

He enjoyed collecting antiques; tractors and Griswold, listening to country music, and visiting with people. He never knew a stranger. He was well known for his laugh.

Speed is survived by his loving companion, Magdelene Van Weelden; his beloved pet, Molly; several cousins and their wives; Magdelene's children and their spouses, her grandchildren and their spouses and her great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Speed will be missed by his loved ones and his many friends.