

Rites held for Mr. Van Gilst

LYNNVILLE (Special)—Funeral services for Matthew Van Gilst, 86, of Pella, who died March 1 at his home, were conducted Saturday morning, March 5, at the First Christian Reformed Church of Oskaloosa.

The Rev. Bruce Leiter officiated, and pallbearers were Dale DeBruin, Paul Van Donselaar, John Van Gilst, Dan Groenenboom and Duane Groenenboom.

Burial was at Forest Cemetery, Oskaloosa.

The son of Bastiaan and Tanna DeHaan Val Gilst, he was born Aug. 12, 1896, near Pella. He was married to Allie Menninga at Pella on Feb. 17, 1921. She preceded him in death in 1968.

Mr. Van Gilst farmed in the Oskaloosa area from 1935 to 1980 when he moved to Pella. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Pella American Legion.

Survivors include his children, Edward of Pella and Irene DeBruin and Ruth Groenenboom, both of Oskaloosa; 20 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; a brother, Hubert Van Gilst of Pella; and two sisters, Helen Menninga and Lizzie Kloosterman, also of Pella.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, five sisters and one brother.

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