

Leonard Van Hamme

Leonard Van Hamme, 72, of Brooklyn died Monday, April 5, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn, with the Rev. Richard Okumu officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel.

Casket bearers were Richard, Vernon and Duane Blomme; Roger Campbell; Richard Cole; and Jeff Gryp. Honorary bearers were Richard Claeys, Chuck Campbell, Gary and Russell Blomme, and Roger Van Ervelde. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn, with the Nevenhoven Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Victor and Mary Blomme Van Hamme, he was born Sept. 16, 1926, near Victor. He was raised in the Victor area and attended rural schools.

He was married to Marjorie Mary La Kosc Sept. 17, 1949, in Brooklyn. They farmed southwest of Victor from 1949 until 1978, then moved to Brooklyn.

Mr. Van Hamme had been employed by Yelsley Elevator, Fontinel Produce, M&N Grain, Coastal Mart and the Fuel Mart. He also owned a corn sheller and trucking business for a few years.

Surviving are his wife; one daughter, Donna Kay Vercande of Brooklyn; one son, Dennis of Grinnell; three grandchildren; and one sister, Suzanne Block of Hartwick. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial fund has been established.

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A Rosary was recited Wednesday, April 7 at Nevenhoven Funeral Home in Brooklyn.

Mr. Van Hamme's funeral was Thursday, April 8 in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Rev. Richard Okumu officiated. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Recordings were by Donna Vercande and Dennis Van Hamme and the selections were "How Great Thou Art" and "Here I Am, Lord."

Casket bearers were Richard Blomme, Vernon Blomme, Duane Blomme, Roger Campbell, Richard Cole and Jeff Gryp. Honorary casket bearers were Richard Claeys, Chuck Campbell, Gary Blomme, Russell Blomme and Roger Van Ervelde.

Interment was in Calvary Cemetery in Brooklyn.

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Rev. Richard Okumu officiated and the organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Recordings were by Donna Vercande and Dennis Van Hamme with selections "How Great Thou Art" and "Here I Am, Lord." Altar servers were Dustin Vercande and Scott Arens, and the lector was Sharon Goodrich.

Honorary casket bearers were Richard Claeys, Chuck Campbell, Gary Blomme, Russell Blomme and Roger Van Ervelde. Casket bearers were Richard Blomme, Vernon Blomme, Duane Blomme, Roger Campbell, Richard Cole and Jeff Gryp. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

The son of Victor and Mary Blomme Van Hamme, Leonard was born Sept. 16, 1926, near Victor, Iowa. He was raised in the Victor area and attended rural schools.

He was married to Marjorie Mary LaKose on Sept. 17, 1949, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn. The couple farmed southwest of Victor from 1949 until September of 1978 when they moved to Brooklyn. He was employed at various jobs through the years: Yeisley Elevator, Fontinel Produce, M & N Grain, all of Victor, The Coastal Mart, Hwy. 21, and recently at the Fuel Mart, Malcom. He also owned a corn sheller and trucking business for a few years. He played his button accordion for many functions and later was joined by his daughter, Donna, who plays a piano accordion.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a daughter, Donna Kay Vercande and her husband, Dennis, of Brooklyn; a son, Dennis and his wife, Gaye, of Grinnell; three grandchildren, Diana Kay and Dustin Patrick Vercande of Brooklyn and Tammie Van Hamme of Grinnell; and one sister, Suzanne Block of Hartwick and her family.

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He played button accordion at many social functions and later, was joined by his daughter, Donna, who plays piano accordion.

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Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; a daughter, Donna Kay Vercande and her husband, Dennis, of Brooklyn; a son, Dennis and his wife, Gaye, of Grinnell; three grandchildren, Diane Kay and Dustin Patrick Vercande of Brooklyn and Tammie Van Hamme of Grinnell; a sister, Suzanne Block of Hartwick and her family.

A memorial fund has been established in Mr. Van Hamme's name.