

## Willis Van Sant

Willis H. Van Sant, 73, of Sully died Monday, May 1, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at Sully Christian Reformed Church, with the Rev. Lawrence Howerzyl officiating. Organist was Lynnette Christensen, and casket bearers were Steven, Timothy, Brandon, Brett, Bradley and Brayden Van Sant. Burial was at Sully Cemetery, with the Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home of Pella in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Andrew and Gertie Van Hal Van Sant and was born Sept. 8, 1926, north of Killduff. He was raised on farms north of Lynnville and Killduff, then moved with his family to Sully.

He attended Sully Christian Grade School and Sully High School, then was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945. He was stationed in Japan. Following his discharge in November 1946, he worked at various jobs until he began driving a freight truck. He purchased the freight route in 1954.

He was married to Berdine Slings Nov. 20, 1952, near Prairie City.

Mr. Van Sant owned and operated Van Sant Motor Freight in Sully until 1989. He retired for a month in 1990, then went to work part time for Precision Pulley, Inc., in Pella. He was driving for Precision when he was involved in an accident Dec. 17, 1999, and the injuries he sustained were responsible for his death.

He was a member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church, where he served as an elder. He also served on the Sully Town Council and the Sully Christian School Board.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Steven of Sully and Tim of Pella; five grandchildren; two sisters, Aletta Beerends of Prairie City and Geraldine Allison of Lynnville; and six brothers, Guert of Sully, Dick of Des Moines, Henry of Cypress, Calif., Delmar of Kensington, Md., Harold of St. Anne, Mo., and Doyle of Glendale, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Jennie and Genevive; and a brother, Andrew Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sully Christian Grade School.

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Mr. Van Sant was former owner and operator of Van Sant Motor Freight in Sully and, at the time of his death, was a part-time employee of Precision Pulley, Inc., of Pella.

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