

Teunis DeRuiter



Teunis DeRuiter, 89, of Grinnell, formerly long-time Jasper County farmer, died Monday, Dec. 1, at Kavanagh House in Des Moines.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Dec. 5, at 10:30 a.m. at Lynnville Friends Church with Peter Schuler and Jeff Lee, pastors, officiating. Organist will be Bernice Smith. Burial will be in the Sully Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Teunis DeRuiter Memorial Fund. Arrangements are by Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 21, 1914, in Jasper County, the son of Arie and Hermina Zuidema DeRuiter. He attended Back Oak rural school near his home. He was married on June 15, 1937, in Sully to Jeanette Van Genderen. The couple farmed near Newton and later Searsboro prior to purchasing his parents' farm north of Lynnville in 1948. He retired from farming in 1994 and the couple moved to Seeland Park in 2000.

He attended Sully Community Church and later Lynnville Friends Church. He was a member of the Lynnville Telephone Company board of directors, Lynnville Saddle Club, Fox Hunters' Club, Richland Township election board and Bethel Cemetery board.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette of Grinnell; two sons, Arnold De Ruiter of Lime Springs and Daryl De Ruiter of Calistoga, Calif.; one daughter Bonita Wertz of Johnston; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren and one sister Irene Moes of Sully. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Wilma Van Steenwyk and Elsie Baarda.

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