

Garrit Vander Weerd DT News Oct 14, 2009

Garrit Vander Weerd, 86, of Grinnell, Iowa, formerly of Lynnville, Iowa, passed away Sept. 27, 2009, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

The son of Gerrit and Josie (Runia) Vander Weerd Sr., he was born on Oct. 23, 1922, in Jasper County G.

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Lynnville. Garrit graduated from Taylor Country School, northeast of Sully on June 16, 1936. He worked for various farmers as a hired man until he was drafted into the U. S. Army on Jan. 5, 1943.

A proud veteran of World War II, he served in signal airwarning (radar) in Atlantic City, NJ; Drewfield, FL; Camp Stoneman, CA; Australia, New Guinea, Philippines, Okinawa, and Japan until honorably discharged on Dec. 15, 1945. On March 14, 1949, he was united in marriage to Isabelle Mathilda Terlouw at the Sully Christian Reformed Church parsonage. They lived northwest of Lynnville where he was born on the farm bought by his father in 1919. They moved into Lynnville in 1982 and lived there until they moved to St. Francis Manor in 2003. He was a farmer, a part-time carpenter, and a retired Lynnville rural mail carrier, serving 1967 to 1990. He remained a faithful longtime member of Sully Christian

Reformed Church where he had served as a Deacon. Garrit's faith was evident and he professed to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Survivors are his five children: Twyla Vander Weerd of Coon Rapids, MN, Leon (Margaret) Vander Weerd of Sully, Lois (Bruce) Rypkema of Danbury, WI; James (Jane) Vander Weerd of Sully, and Kelvin (Diane) Vander Weerd of Sully; 11 grandchildren: Faye (Eric) Brand of Lynnville; Gwyn (Jake) Ferguson of Norwalk; Kyra (Peter) Smith of Killduff; Kristy (Derek) Johnson of Mora, MN; Todd (Lindsay) Rypkema of Rochester, MN; Andrew Rypkema of Tulsa, OK; Kody (Karina) Vander Weerd of Pella; Tanner, Betsy, Darci, and Grace Vander Weerd, all of Sully; four great-grandsons, Nathan Johnson, Grant and Trent Johnson of Mora, MN, and Carter Brand of Lynnville; two sisters-in-law, Elizabeth and Cornelia Vander Weerd of Pella; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Isabelle on June 6, 2005; one sister, Anna Hardeman in 1988; and three brothers, Brandt in 1994, and twins, Henry and John in 2001. Arrangements by Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home in Pella.

For those desiring, memorials may be designated for the Lynnville Historical Society or Christian Worship Hour of Aberdeen, SD.

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Garrit Vander Weerd, 86, of Grinnell, died Sunday evening, Sept. 27, 2009, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30 at the Sully Christian Reformed Church in Sully, with interment in the Sully Cemetery.

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