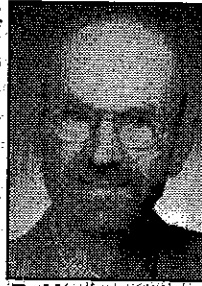


Obituary

Dewey Veenstra, 78, of Sully

All of Doetze (Dewey) Veenstra's days were determined by his loving and wise Creator before one of them came to be. The sixth of eight children, he was born on July 13, 1930, in Westergeest, Friesland, The Netherlands, to Wessel and Anna Elzinga Veenstra. His



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parents embraced the plan and promises of God and Doetze was baptized as a covenant child of God, that same year. He attended Triemen Christian School in Westergeest, where he completed the eighth grade. In his teenage years he learned the trade of mechanics specializing in motor mechanics. In 1949 he enlisted in the Dutch Army where he served his country for four years.

It was shortly after this time that he met the love of his life Tjetje (Tillie) Veenstra, and on November 1, 1954 they were united in marriage. Shortly after this (January of 1955), they set off on a honeymoon, adventure to the United States and made Sully, Iowa their home. To their union eight children were born; Wesley, Jacqueline, Bernard, Anson, twins: John and Anne, twins: Suzanne and Caroline.

God was gracious to Doetze and Tjetje through the years. In May of 1958 they professed their faith in the Lord and joined the Sully Christian Reformed Church. Dewey loved the Word of God and enjoyed teaching the Adult Education classes and Men's Society meetings. Dewey worked as a farmer all his life and for the past nine years enjoyed his employment at the Pella Regional Health Center in Pella, Iowa, where he served as a security/environmental employee. In addition to work, he enjoyed working with wood,

working the land and especially spending time with his children and grandchildren.

On his 78th birthday, July 13, 2008, his time of service completed, Dewey went home to be with the Lord.

(Heit) is survived by his wife, Tillie, his eight children and their spouses; 22 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren (so far).

Wes and Arlys (Vander Hart) Veenstra of Pella, IA, Alyssa and Brad Gaskill, Andrew, Kyle and Sasha Veenstra, Jaci and Vern Eekhoff of Sioux Center, IA, Eric and Elizabeth Eekhoff, Riley, Olivia, Veronica and Mike Hoekstra, Amanda and Jacob Hall, Austin, Bernie and Rosa (Van Wyk) Veenstra of Pella, IA, Becky and Tim De Nooy, Jessa, Rianne Veenstra, Brandon Veenstra, Anson and Sylvia (Westerman) Veenstra of Baldwin, WI, Rachelle Veenstra, Emily Veenstra, Katelyn Veenstra, Justin Veenstra, John D. and Cathy (De Mooy) Veenstra of Pella, IA, Travis Veenstra, Jennifer Veenstra, Anne Veenstra of San Diego, CA, Susie and Doyle Beltman of Urbandale, IA, Jonathan Beltman, Hannah Beltman, Joshua Beltman.

Caroline and John Larson of Hardy, IA, Jacob Larson, Luke Larson, Jed Larson, Levi Larson and Clint Larson.

One brother, Ritske, and one sister, Grietje are surviving and those who preceded him in death were his parents, Wessel and Anna Veenstra, and five brothers.

God's grace was evident in Dewey's life and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.vandykduven.com.

Memorial service was held on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Sully Christian Reformed Church with committal service was held on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at Sully Cemetery in Sully, Iowa.