



DWIGHT WANDERS

Dwight Wanders, 81 of New Sharon died May 19, at the Pella Regional Health Center. Services were May 23, at the Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. Interment with military

honors was held the Friends Cemetery in New Sharon.

Dwight S. Wanders was born April 2, 1931 to Louis and Julia (Brand) Wanders. Dwight attended his first eight years of school at Ellis School # 7 north of New Sharon, then was graduated from New Sharon High School in 1950. Dwight was drafted in the United States Army in 1952, where he served in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1960. Dwight was united in marriage to Dorothea Newendorp in 1957. To this union six children were born, Julia (Randy) Pitman, Steven (Lisa) Wanders, Gary (Lana) Wanders, Laurel Wanders, Mary (Tom) Sheets and Marcia (Tim) Rodibaugh. Dwight farmed for several years on their farm south of Barnes City before becoming a custodian at the North Mahaska Schools for 15 years. Dwight enjoyed working at the school and being able to attend basketball games. Dwight in recent years had to wear many colors to cheer on his grandchildren at North Mahaska, Montezuma and Lynnville Sully. He enjoyed spending time with his special son "Buddy". Dwight was an avid Hawkeye Football fan. He was a member of the Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa.

Dwight is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dorothea; his six children and their families; Julia (Randy) Pitman and their two children, Gina & Joe Eiben and their daughter Maleigh and Brice Pitman; Steven (Lisa) Wanders and their two children, Nathan Wanders and Brandon (Tonya) Wanders and their two daughters, Keira Blanke and Kalynn Wanders of deep River, Gary (Lana) Wanders and their four children, Ethan Wanders, Abbie Wanders, Ann Wanders and Amara Wanders; Laurel Wanders; Mary Jo (Tom) Sheets and their four children, Brynna Steele, Carly Steele, Kelsie Sheets and Kiegan Sheets; Marcia (Tim) Rodibaugh and their two children, Mason Rodibaugh and Preston Rodibaugh; his sister, Wanda (Robert) Van De Krol.

Dwight was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Julia Wanders; an infant brother, a brother, Henry Wanders; father and mother-in-law, Walter and Marie Newendorp; a brother-in-law, John Newendorp and a brother and sister-in-law, Beulah and Dormand Arkema. *Record 9-24-12*