

Harry Vermeer, 76, Pella

Harry Vermeer, 76, of Pella passed away Jan. 19, 2006. Funeral services were held Jan. 24, at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Pella. Interment was held at Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Memorials can be given to the Luke Society or the endowment funds of either the Pella Christian Grade School or the Pella Christian High School in Pella.

Harry Gene Vermeer was born on March 22, 1929, near Pella. He was the youngest of four sons that were born to Jacob G. and Anna Haven Vermeer. He began his formal education at the Plainview Country Grade School which was located near his farm home and graduated from Pella Christian High School in Pella with the Class of 1947. He then enrolled at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he attended for three and one-half years. Harry was enrolled in the pre-seminary program at Calvin

College, a calling that his mother encouraged to pursue. The Korean Conflict, however, interrupted those plans as Harry was drafted into the U. S. Army in 1950. Following his discharge, Harry took a position at Vermeer Manufacturing in Pella.

On Nov. 23, 1951, he was united in marriage with Bernice Mae Tromp, the daughter of Frank and Nellie Pothoven Tromp. To this union four children were born: Nancy, Michael, Lu Ann and Melinda.

Those left to honor his very fruitful life are his faithful wife of 54 years, Bernice; their three daughters and a son and their spouses; and nine grandchildren. They and their families are: Nancy D. Vermeer of Phoenix, Arizona, Heather Nicole and Robert Yee of Chandler, Arizona, Christopher John Vermeer; Michael H. and Merry (Disselkoen) Vermeer of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Grant Michael Vermeer,

Andrew Clark Vermeer; Lu Ann and Dr. Ralph De Haan of Pella, Matthew Ralph and Melissa De Haan of San Diego, California, Derek Vermeer De Haan, Annaleyza Mai De Haan; Melinda S. and Eric Papadeas of Chandler, Arizona, Nathan Eric Papadeas, Erika Lynn Papadeas.

Of his original family, Harry leaves two brothers and their wives: Gary J. and Matilda Vermeer; John H. and Effie Vermeer; and a sister-in-law, Jeannette (Elmer H.) Vermeer all of Pella. Of his wife's family, Harry leaves her brother and his wife, Gary and Muriel Tromp of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and a sister-in-law, Esther (Cornie) Tromp of Pella. Harry was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Elmer H. (Dutch) Vermeer; his parents-in-law, Frank and Nellie Tromp; and a brother-in-law, Cornie Tromp.