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**PELLA** - Darrell Duane Dobernecker was born October 16, 1937, in a farm house near Hancock, Iowa, to Harold F. and Wynona C. (Robinson) Dobernecker.

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Darrell received his Bachelor's Degree from Simpson College and Master's Degree from Drake University. He was a band director in Pella and Montezuma for 13 years, after which he ran his own insurance and investment business for nearly 30 years, and retired at the age of 62. He was a Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant. Upon retiring from his business he drove a school bus for Pella Community Schools for 14 years. He also served as Mayor for the City of Pella from January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2011. In 2011, he was awarded the Hall of Fame Leadership Award.

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Darrell is survived by his wife Karen, their children: Lori and the late Stephen Van Hal of Pella, and their daughter Erin Van Hal, Steven and Stacy Dobernecker of Nevada, Iowa, and their sons: Christopher and Harold Dobernecker; and Debra Campbell of Pella, and her daughters Emily (Dakota) Stout and Megan Campbell. He is also survived by his aunt Margaret Wisdom of Beloit, Wisconsin, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Wynona Dobernecker and his son-in-law Stephen Van Hal.

Funeral services were held on January 18, at First Baptist Church in Pella. Memorials may be given to First Baptist Church or Hospice of Pella.



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