

Donald De Zwarte, 84, Pella

Donald De Zwarte, 84, of Pella passed away May 16, 2006. Funeral services were held May 19, at the Open Bible Church in Pella. Memorials can be given to the Christian Opportunity Center or the Church of the Open Bible.



Donald M. De Zwarte, son of Ed and Jennie Mol De Zwarte, was born Dec. 23, 1921, on a farm between Pella and Knoxville.

On Aug. 26, 1942, Donald was united in marriage with Ruth Goemaat in Cedar Rapids. To this union two children were born: Mike and Kathy.

Donald and Ruth lived in Pella for the last 48 years. Prior to that he ran a grocery store in Cedar Rapids, farmed near Melcher/Dallas, sold cars and tractors in Corydon, and most recently he worked at Vermeer Manufacturing for 25 years, retiring at the age of 62. After retiring he mowed lawns for various Pella residents.

Those he leaves to cherish his memory are: his wife, Ruth; one son, Mike De Zwarte of Pella; one daughter, Kathy and her husband, David Willemesen of Springfield, Missouri; and two grandchildren: Christa and Josh Willemesen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Harold De Zwarte; and two sisters, Evelena Langstraat and Janette Gezel.

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