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Henry Lanser, 86, Pella

Henry C. Lanser, 86, of Pella passed away Feb. 20, 2006. Funeral services were held Feb. 23, at the Leighton Christian Reformed Church. Interment was held at the Evergreen Cemetery at Leighton.



H. Lanser

Memorials can be given to the Leighton Christian Reformed Church.

Henry Lanser was born on April 21, 1919, in the Sully area. He was the sixth of 12 children born to John and Elizabeth Bruxvoort Lanser. He attended Sully Christian Grade School through the 8th. Henry became a hired-hand to Everett Jansen near Sully until January, 1943, when he entered the Armed Services of our country at age 23 and was sent to Camp Campbell in Kentucky for training. Just prior to his being shipped overseas to fight in World War II, Clara Brummel, the daughter of Henry and Bertha Roorda Brummel, drove to Camp Campbell and she and Henry were

united in marriage on Aug. 2, 1943. Henry served in Company "B", 43rd Tank Battalion, 12th Armored Division, in France and Germany from September 1944 until wounded in January 1945 when the German guns hit the tank he was in. His right leg was seriously injured and he was sent to a hospital in Germany for recovery and was then returned to the U.S. where he spent two years in military hospitals recovering. Henry was honorably discharged from the military service Jan. 28, 1947. His decorations and citations were: Purple Heart; Good Conduct Medal; WWII Victory Ribbon; ETO Ribbon and American Theatre Ribbon. After finally healing well enough, he went to work for his brother-in-law, Henry Jansen, in his poultry business in Sully. He then farmed with his father for several years near Sully.

Cherishing his memory are his four children, their spouses, and their families: James and Phyllis Lanser of Pella, Sherry and Jeff Miedema, Amanda and Caitlin Miedema, Dave and Jodyie Lanser, Blake and Mallory Lanser; Darrell and Allene Lanser of Oskaloosa,

Shelly Lanser, Autumn and Austen Lanser, John Lee Lanser, Addison and Jonathan Lanser, Tammy and Dan Donohue, Ashley and Alyssa Donohue; Sue and John Roose of Oskaloosa, Jason Roose, Steven Roose, Tara and Chris Parks, Brandon Parks, Lori and Mike Brink, Ryan, Jeremy, and Kelsey Brink.

Of his original family, Henry leaves four sisters: Nellie Van Maaren of Denver, CO., Joann Zylstra of Sully, Betty Nikkel of Sully, Harriet (Dan) Van Wyk of Pella; and four brothers: Arie Lanser of Pella, Pete (and Junella) Lanser of Denver, CO., John (and Lois) Lanser of Pella, Marvin (and Ruth) Lanser of Grand Rapids, MI.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother: Brant Lanser; and two sisters: Mattie Jansen and Durkey Van Kooten.

He was also preceded in death by five brothers-in-law: Henry Jansen, Cornie Van Maaren, Gerrit Van Kooten, Dewey Nikkel, and Ludolph Zylstra; and two sisters-in-law: Johanna Lanser (of Arie) and Johanna Lanser (of Brant).