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Clarence Roy Laverman, the second of three children that were born to the late Jacob and Mattie Van Arkel Laverman, was born on Feb. 17, 1926, east of Sully. He graduated from the Sully Christian Grade School in Sully. On Sept. 20, 1949, he was united in marriage with Pauline Nikkel at the farmhome of her parents, Marcelis and Annie Baarda Nikkel. To this union four children were born: Stanley, Susan, Kevin and Sandra. Following their marriage Clarence and Polly, as she was known, lived west of Galesburg, for 18 years until moving to rural Newton, where they lived for another 18 years. In 1986, they moved west of Killduff. Clarence was a farmer all these years and during the first years raised livestock as well as being a crop farmer. When he was not engaged in farming, Clarence worked part-time as an electrician and as a truck driver.

On June 8, 1997, Polly passed away at the age of 68 years following a nearly six year encounter with leukemia. Following her death, Clarence continued farming and living on the farm until moving into Sully in November of 1999. He fully retired from farming in the year 2001.

Those who will cherish his memory are his four children and their spouses and 12 grandchildren. They and their families are: Stan and Linda (Groenenboom) Laverman and their three children: Matthew, David and Rachel Laverman of Kellogg; Susan and Larry De Groot and their four children: Laremy, Leland, Lynn and Leann De Groot of Rose Hill: Kevin and Jan (Van Woerkom) Laverman and their three children: Ashley, Clarissa and Jared Laverman of Sully; Sandra and Steve Roozeboom and their two children: Megan and Caitlin of Oskaloosa. Of his original family Clarence leaves his two sisters: Catherine (Wilbur) De Penning and Arlene Vander Leest and her husband, Arland of Sully; as well as the following sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Cornelia (Henry) Vander Weerdt of Sully; Elizabeth (John) Vander Weerdt of Pella; Lenora (Bernie) Nikkel of Pella; Wilda (John) Nikkel of Newton; Lester and and Marilyn Nikkel of Sully; Marcella and Lester Laverman of Sully: and Linda and Maurice Rozendaal of Lynnville.

Clarence was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline; his parents, Jacob and Mattie Laverman; his brother-in-law, Wilbur De Penning; and the following brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Henry Vander Weerdt, John Vander Weerdt, Bernie Nikkel, John H. Nikkel, Matilda and Art Van Manen, James M. and Sadie Nikkel. Clarence was a lifelong, faithful member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church in Sully where he had served as a Deacon and as an Elder. He had been a member of the Sully Christian Grade School Board and was presently serving on the Sully Cemetery Board.