

Harris Nieuwsma, 77, of Pella

Harris Nieuwsma, 77, of Pella passed away Aug. 11, 2006. Funeral services were held Aug. 14, at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Pella.

Interment was held at the Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Military honors by the United States



H. Nieuwsma

Army. Memorials can be given to Hospice of Pella Comfort House.

Harris Glen Nieuwsma was born Sept. 14, 1928, in Mahaska County, the third of five children born to Paul and Minnie (Andringa) Nieuwsma. He attended Peoria Christian Grade School and rural schools, graduating from Lynn Grove in Jasper Co. in 1942. Harris helped his father farm until his marriage to Gladys Leusink in the Emmanuel Reformed Church in Clinton, Wisconsin on June 8, 1951, entering the army on June 20 of that year. After basic training, Gladys joined him at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma where he was attached to an artillery unit. He then spent 14 months with the Occupational Army in Germany, returning in May of 1953.

Harris professed his faith at Second Christian Reformed Church. He and Gladys were charter members of Calvary Christian Reformed

Church for over 50 years during which time he served countless terms first as deacon and then as elder.

Those who will miss him include his wife of 55 years, Gladys; his three children and spouses: Randal Glen and Renee (Bill) and their children: David, Katie, and twins Josh and Alex of Grand Rapids, MI.; Sherilyn Sue and Craig DeWitt and their children: Lauren, Steven, Claire and Emma also of Grand Rapids; Gary Paul and Pat (Monsma) and their children: Leasa, Carla and Kristen of Urbandale; sisters: Esther and husband, Kenneth Van Gent of Pella and Alenna and husband, Robert Jansen of Sully; sister-in-law, Geesje (Gerald) Leusink of Janesville, WI; brothers-in-law: Earl Dutch Schultz of Detroit, MI. and Harlan Leusink and wife, Arlene of Watertown, WI; sisters-in-law: Joyce (Leusink) and husband Dale Pease of Rockford, Ill. and Bernys (Leusink) and husband Rob Sutphen of Ringoes, N.J.; plus many nieces and nephews and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Minnie Nieuwsma; twin infant sisters Anna and Ada; his parents-in-laws, Gerrit and Hendrika (Koele) Leusink; brother-in-law, Gerald Leusink and sister-in-law Jeanet (Leusink) Schultz.