

## Arthur De Jong, 93, Sully

Funeral services were held on June 7, at the First Reformed Church in Sully for Arthur De Jong. Interment was held at the Sully Cemetery. Memorials can be given "World Vision" has been designated by the family.



**A. De Jong**

Arthur Garret De Jong was born near Sully, on Sept. 14, 1913. He was the second son born to Dirk and Johanna Kruseman De Jong. Arthur graduated from the 8th grade at the Dairy Grove Country Grade School near his home. On Sept. 14, 1939, he was united in marriage with Margaret Pearl Monsma, a daughter of Ben and Laura B. Renaud Monsma, at the First Reformed Church in Sully. To this union four children were born: Clarence Lee, Beverly Lou, Betty Sue and Darlene Ann. Arthur began farming his parent's farm following his marriage. He continued to farm the same farm, a Century Farm, for 69 years until he retired in 1997. He thoroughly enjoyed all those years farming and raising livestock. He had an appreciation for animals and enjoyed attending buffalo sales in Custer, South Dakota and later gardening. Early Monday morning, June 4, 2007, Arthur passed away at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa following

a very brief hospitalization. He attained the age of 93 years, 8 months and 20 days. Those who will cherish his memory are his wife of 67 years, Margaret De Jong; his four children and their spouses, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They and their families are:

Clarence L. De Jong of Sully, Beverly L. and Larry Stravers of Prairie City, Scott and Nichol Stravers of Colfax, Sophia Stravers, Shelly and Randall Lee of Johnston, Gerrit, Mason and Braden Lee, Jodi and Jamey Quelle of Overland Park, Kansas, Braxton, Quenten Quelle, Chad Stravers of West Des Moines, Betty S. and Roger Vander Velden of Reasnor, Terry and Terri Vander Velden of Oskaloosa, Charles Arthur Vander Velden, Alex, Chris Vance, Kent and Melinda Vander Velden of Perry, Darlene A. Hyslope of West Des Moines.

He will also be missed by his dog, 'Sparky'.

Arthur was preceded in death by his parents, Dirk and Josie De Jong; his parents-in-law, Ben and Laura Monsma; his older brother, Walter De Jong and his wife, Doris (Monsma); two other sisters-in-law: Freda (Monsma) Neilson and Rachael (Monsma) Mick; a brother-in-law, Glen Monsma and is survived by one sister-in-law, Wilhelmina (Glen) Monsma of Pella. Arthur was a longtime, faithful member of the First Reformed Church in Sully.

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