

## Larry Jansen, 68, Pella

Larry Lavoy Jansen was born on February 16, 1939, the first of three children that were born to Cornelius and Florence Van Zante Jansen. His parents were living near Taintor, Iowa at the time and in March of 1940 they moved north of Lynnville, Iowa.



Case, as he was known, and Florence began farming on their own. One month later, Florence contacted the polio virus which disabled her walking the remainder of her life. Then two years later their two other children were born: Darrel Eugene and Nancy Gaye. Larry was raised on this farm and at an early age learned what it meant to be a help-mate to his mother, a gift he practiced later in life too. Larry received his formal education at the Black Oak Country Grade School and beyond that, was self-educated. Already at a young age he pursued music as an interest. He farmed and operated a dairy business with his Dad and also drove truck, hauling cream and delivered junk mail. Later in life Larry assisted his sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Marion Terpstra, with their produce business. During all these years Larry continued to develop and practice his musical talents, which initially he acquired without any formal lessons. His interests were not only in music. He also enjoyed aquarium fish, collecting plates and figurines. Larry retired from farming with his Dad six years ago and three years ago moved into Vriendschap Village at Pella, Iowa. Larry, being one of the youngest residents there, continued to use his

caring gifts with other residents there. On New Years Day, January 1, 2008, Larry passed away at the Hospice of Pella Comfort House in Pella at the age of 68 years, 10 months and 23 days. Those who will cherish his memory are his brother and his wife and his sister and her husband and their families. They are: Darrel E. and Barbara (Antle) Jansen of Sully, Tia (Jansen) and Felix Torres, Tony and Misty Torres, Destiny, Mathias Torres, Jenny Torres, Tim and Brenda (Moreland) Jansen, Brooke, Baylee and Tyson Jansen, Nancy G. and Marion Terpstra of New Sharon, Julie (Terpstra) and Marty Van Wyk, Kelli Redding, Makenzie Bazer, Ashley Van Wyk, Ross and Amy (Vander Werf) Terpstra, Emma, Samuel Terpstra.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents: his mother, Florence, who passed away on August 8, 2001, at the age of 83 years, his father, Case, who passed away on May 24, 2004, at the age of 88 years; his maternal grandparents: Andrew and Catherine Vande Krol Van Zante; and his paternal grandparents: Gerrit and Gertrude Rozenboom Jansen. Larry had been a longtime member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church in Sully, Iowa and at the time of his death was a member of the Covenant Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 5, 2008 at Covenant Reformed Church at Pella. Casket bearers were Tim Jansen, Ross Terpstra, Felix Torres, Marty Van Wyk, Tony Torres, Jeff Johnson. Burial was held at the Sully Cemetery. Memorials can be given to the Covenant Reformed Church or the Hospice of Pella Comfort House in Pella.

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