

Willem C. Scholten, 58, Reasnor—

Willem Cornelis Scholten was born on October 8, 1949, in Overschie, the Netherlands. He was the third of five children that were born to Willem and Cora Baas Scholten.



Willem was 18 months of age when he came to the United States with his parents who settled at Pella, Iowa where he began his grade school education at the Pella Christian Grade School. The family then moved to Sully, Iowa where he attended Sully Christian Grade School and Lynnville-Sully High School. As a young lad, Willie, as he became known, began his working career at the Kerr McGee Oil Station in Sully. In January of 1969 he enlisted in the Army National Guard of Iowa and was discharged as a reserve of the Army in January of 1975. On March 19, 1971, Willie was united in marriage with Eunice Elaine VanDer Kamp in Sully. To this union three children were born: Jodi Michelle on March 30, 1975, Jeffrey Alan on October 25, 1977 and Julie Rachelle on November 27, 1982. Following his active tour of duty with the Army National Guard, Willie was employed with the Sully Cooperative Exchange where he began driving truck and operating a grinder mixer. In 1977 he began driving truck for Eldon Nikkel Trucking. In 1979 Willie began his own trucking business and purchased his own semi-truck, hauling grain and steel from Chicago, Illinois to Denver, Colorado. Since 1989, Willie has been a partner with Scholten & Sons Construction, Inc. Willie was a hard worker and enjoyed staying busy but always had time for his family and friends. On Saturday morning, November 17,

2007, he passed away at the Hospice of Pella Comfort House at the age of 58 years, one month and nine days. Willie is survived by his three children and their spouses: Jodi and Jeremy Schnell of Sully, Jeff and Amanda Scholten of Sully, Julie and Nick Irlmeier of Des Moines, Iowa. He was very proud of his two grandchildren: Makenna Leigh Schnell, age 3 years and Vance William Scholten, age 10 months. From his original family, Willie leaves his parents: Willem and Cora Scholten of Sully; and his four siblings: Yvonne Osmond of Johnston, Iowa, Arie Scholten and his wife, Elaine of Sully, Shirley and her husband, Melvin Van Genderen of Sully, Mark Scholten and his wife, Sarah of Lynnville, Iowa; along with many nieces and nephews. Willie was baptized as an infant in the Netherlands. In December of 1999 he made public profession of his faith at the First Reformed Church in Sully where he remained a faithful member the remainder of his lifetime. His faith in God was always very important to Willie and in recent years found fulfillment in practicing his faith by participating in work mission trips. Willie had an appreciation for God's nature and bird-watching. He also enjoyed snowmobiling, racing, driving trucks and riding motorcycles. In his own modest way, Willie related to people of all ages by whom he will be missed.

Funeral services were held Nov. 20, at the First Reformed Church in Sully. Casket bearers were Jeffrey Scholten, Jeremy Schnell, Nick Irlmeier, Kyle Stock, Carroll Fopma, and Kenneth Hartgers. Burial was held at the Sully Cemetery. For those desiring, memorials may be given to the Hospice of Pella Comfort House in Pella, or for work mission projects through the First Reformed Church in Sully.

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