

Ralph Van Der Kamp, 85, of Sully

Ralph Willard Van Der Kamp was born on December 11, 1922. He was born on his parents, Silas and Jennie Brand Van Der Kamp, farm in rural Jasper County near Sully, Iowa where he attended the Froneled Country Grade School. Ralph met Dorothy Swank, a



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daughter of Will and Cora Van Genderen Swank, at a neighborhood school and on September 28, 1944, they were united in marriage. Ralph and Dorothy were married in a double wedding ceremony with her brother and then sister-in-law, Marvin and Sophia Ann Swank, at the home of Andrew Terlouw. Ralph and Dorothy were blessed with two sons and three daughters and were privileged to enjoy 63 years of married life together. Following their marriage, Ralph farmed near his parent's farm south of Sully for three years and then they moved to a farm north of Killduff, Iowa where they lived on the Brierly farm for 35 years. Ralph farmed for 38 years and enjoyed raising and riding horses. They retired in

December of 1982 at which time they moved into Sully. Ralph enjoyed his retirement years watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in their activities. He enjoyed reading the newspaper and having morning coffee time with his many friends at the Coffee Cup Café in Sully. In March of 2008 Ralph became a resident in the Long Term Care Unit at the Pella Regional Health Center in Pella, Iowa. He passed away there on Father's Day, June 15, 2008, at the age of 85 years, 6 months and 4 days. Those who will cherish his memory are his wife, Dorothy; their five children and their spouses; 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Darrel and Brenda Van Der Kamp of Kellogg, Iowa; Jana Van Der Kamp, Brent and Stephanie Van Der Kamp, Madison, Nick, Alex Van Der Kamp, Nancy and Carroll De Penning of Newton, Iowa; Todd and Tami De Penning and Claire, Corey and Amy De Penning and Brady, Connie and Dennis Vander Weerd of Kellogg, Iowa; Aaron Vander Weerd, Adam and Christine Vander Weerd, Leah and Greg Van Maanen and Austin, Gail and Randy Beyer of Runnells, Iowa; Jamie and Brenda Beyer, Robby Beyer, Brad Beyer, Ronald and Sally Van Der Kamp of West Des Moines, Iowa; Amy Van Der

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Of his original family Ralph leaves his sister-in-law, Margaret (Melvin) Van Der Kamp of Grinnell, Iowa; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Marvin and Sophia Ann Swank presently of Knoxville, Iowa and a sister-in-law, Florence (Marion) Swank presently of Pella, Iowa. Ralph was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Cooper De Penning; his parents, Silas and Jennie Van Der Kamp; his sister, Florence Evans; and his two brothers, Donald and Melvin. Ralph was a faithful member of the First Reformed Church in Sully where he had served on the consistory. He served his community as a member of the Sully Cooperative Exchange Board, the Sully City Council and for 18 years was the Sexton of the Sully Cemetery. Ralph was active with The Gideons International. online condolences may be made at www.vandykduven.com Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home in Pella was in charge of arrangements.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 19, at 10:30 a.m. at First Reformed Church in Sully, Iowa with interment in the Sully Cemetery.

For those desiring, memorials may be given for The Gideons International