

## Charles Fopma

Charles Fopma, 77, of Pella, formerly of rural Lynnville, died Saturday, Dec. 19, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 22 at Faith Christian Reformed Church in Pella, with the Revs. Kenneth Schepel and Isaac Muezelaar officiating. Casket bearers were Jeffrey Kopaska; James Kopaska, Merlin Van Zee, Alvin Fopma, Dwight Beyer and Terry Fopma. Honorary bearers were Matthew Steenhoek and Daniel, Samuel and Seth Fopma.

The Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The son of Simon and Jennie Jansen Fopma, he was born Aug. 20, 1921, near Lynnville. He attended rural school.

On Dec. 6, 1945, he was married to Kathleen Marie Nikkel at Sully. They farmed near Kellogg, Searsboro, Lynnville and Killduff. They retired to Pella in 1985.

Mr. Fopma was employed at Central College in the maintenance department for 10 years.

He was a member and deacon of Faith Christian Reformed Church. He had served on the Sully Christian Grade School Board, the Pella Christian Grade School Board and the Pella Christian High School Board. Memorial contributions may be made to those schools.

Surviving are his wife; his children, Kathleen of Pella, Barbara Kopaska of Newton, Betty Van Zee of Pella, Kathy Steenhoek of Monroe and Calvin of Pella; 14 grandchildren; two sisters, Grace Beyer of Sully and Sylvia Nieuwsma of Pella; and one brother, Donald of

Pella.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter; and one brother, Bernie.

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