

Edward Nikkel

Edward J. Nikkel, 69, of rural Grinnell died of cancer Sunday, April 14, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Christian Reformed Church in Sully, with the Rev. Bruce Feuerbach, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Grinnell, officiating. Organist was Karen Langstraat, and vocalist was Doug Renaud.

Casket bearers were Dick Bergeson, Harry Bolton, Alvin Fopma, Don Hudnutt, Chuck Lusher and Tom Ogle. Honorary bearers were Vern Brooke, Ralph Van Soelen, Dale Van Wyk and Eldon Van Wyk. Burial was in Sully Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements.

He was the son of Tunis and Nellie Stek Nikkel and was born May 30, 1927, in rural Jasper County. He attended rural school and graduated from Sully High School in 1944.

On March 30, 1949, he was married to Lucille Baarda in Grinnell. The couple farmed in Jasper County until 1960 when they moved south of Grinnell to operate a grain, livestock and dairy farm.

Mr. Nikkel attended the Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Glenda Renaud of Irving, Texas; two sons, Bryce of Council Bluffs and Ray of Grand Rapids, Minn.; seven grandchildren; his mother; four sisters, Cornelia Lownachan of Bella Vista, Ark., Jennie Van Maanen of Newton, Harriet Zylstra of Pella and Sylvia Menninga of Oak Park, Ill.; and five brothers, James and Nelson of Sully, Wilbur and Leo of Pella, and Bruce of Rippon, Calif. He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sully Christian School or to the Gideons.

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