

Leonard Simons

Leonard John Simons, 76, of Leighton died Monday, June 9, at Ottumwa Regional Health Center.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Leighton Christian Reformed Church, with the Rev. David Stevenson officiating. Organist was Carol Van Engelenhoven, and casket bearers were Randy Simons, Karen Huizinga, Don Huizinga, Jim Bruxvoort, Rick Van Zante and Michael Richards.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Leighton, with military rites conducted by members of Van Veen-Van Hemert American Legion Post No. 89.

He was the son of Paul and Johanna Ryken Simons and was born June 13, 1920, in Taintor. He was married to Norma Frances Van Steenis Sept. 5, 1944, in Pella. The family lived on a farm south of Leighton for 10 years before moving into Leighton 40 years ago.

Mr. Simons was a truck driver for the Leighton Stock Yards and previously had been a hog buyer for John Morrell for 25 years. He had served in the U.S. Air Force with the Signal Corps in the Aleutian Islands.

He was a member of the Leighton Christian Reformed Church and the American Legion. At the time of his death, he was serving on the board of directors of Farmers Savings Bank of Leighton.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Norene Bruxvoort of Leighton; one son, Leroy of Pella; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Herman of Oskaloosa and Paul of Pella; and two sisters, Nettie Van Zante of Pella and Joey Van Ommen of Oskaloosa.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be made to his church.

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