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Melvin Van Der Kamp

Melvin R. Van Der Kamp, 78, of Grinnell died Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, at his home.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 13, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Zirkelbach, pastor of Grace Community Church in Grinnell,

officiating. Organist was Kathleen McCune. Vocal music was by Gary Van Dalen and Dan and Sandy Vande Krol. Pallbearers were Larry Conn, Clarence Laverman, David and Lehl Van Dalen, Arland Vander Leest and Larry Van Wyk. Honorary bearers were Richard Bishop, Bob Finn and Rozelle and Wayne Van Dalen. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery, rural Jasper County. Memorials may be made to Grace Community Church or Kellogg Historical Museum.

He was born April 18, 1926, the son of Silas and Jennie Brand Van Der Kamp on the family farm in Jasper County near Sully. He was a 1944 graduate of Sully High School. He was married to Margaret Ashby on Feb. 17, 1948, at her parents' home in rural Grinnell. They farmed in Jasper County near Kellogg and later southeast of Newton for many years. He also worked as an electrician and plumber in the area. He moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 2000, and was a member of Grace Community Church.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; two sons, Norman Van Der Kamp of Kansas City, Mo., and Bruce Van Der Kamp of Centennial, Colo.; one daughter, Mary Osborne of Boone; two grandchildren; one great granddaughter, and one brother Ralph Van Der Kamp of Sully. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Florence Evans and one brother Donald Van Der Kamp.
