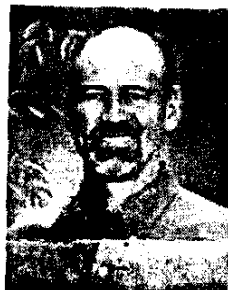


# M R Craig H. Van Arkel, 50 5-22-02

Craig Henry Van Arkel, 50, of rural Grinnell, died suddenly Friday, May 10, at his home south of Grinnell.

The funeral service was Wednesday, May 15, at First Friends Church, Grinnell, with the Revs. Todd Follette and Keith Briggs officiating. Interment was at Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart. The Craig Van Arkel Memorial Fund has been established to be distributed for the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement, the 4-H Foundation, and the United Junior Suffolk Association.



Casket bearers were Alan Van Arkel, David Van Arkel, Daniel Hibbs, Gordon Lockie, James Lockie and Tom Shroyer.

Honorary casket bearers were all the people who provided continued support for Craig.

Craig was born Sept. 11, 1951, at Des Moines, the son of James H. and Doris R. (Henkle) Van Arkel. Craig made his profession of faith in Christ and was confirmed in the Ewart Presbyterian Church as a teenager. He graduated with honors

from Grinnell High School in 1969, and graduated with distinction from Iowa State University in 1973 with a degree in animal science. He worked in the Chicago area for one year and, since then, farmed near Grinnell. On July 20, 1974, he was married to Deborah J. Lockie at Cresco, and to this union, two daughters were born. He was a nationally-recognized sheep breeder and judge. He attended the First Friends Church, Grinnell, served 11 years on the board of directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association, served 13 years on the board of directors of what started as the Malcom Farmers Coop and saw it through its mergers as the

Gateway Cooperative and Heartland Cooperative at Malcom, and served 14 years as a field supervisor for the Farm Progress Show.

Craig is survived by his wife, Deborah, and their two daughters, Emily and Thea; his parents, James and Doris Van Arkel, Malcom; two brothers, Alan (& Kathy) Van Arkel, Plainsfield; and David (& Tracee) Van Arkel, Malcom; one sister, Sandra (& Daniel) Hibbs, Colby, Wis.; many other relatives and friends.

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Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Emily and Thea; his parents; two brothers, Alan of Plainsfield and David of Malcom; and one sister, Sandra Hibbs of Colby, Wis.

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H-R May 10, 2002