

Jacob Van Kekerix

The Rev. Jacob (Jack) Van Kekerix, 69, of 1419 West St., Grinnell, died of a heart attack at his home Friday, Jan. 9.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the First Reform Church of Rock Valley, with the Mason-Hand Funeral Home of Tama in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Porters Funeral Home in Rock Valley. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery.

The son of Sam and Elizabeth Van Zanten Van Kekerix, he was born Sept. 14, 1926, in Rock Valley. He attended school there. He served with the U.S. Army from February 1945 to December 1946.

On Nov. 24, 1948, he was married to Johanna Punt in Sioux Center.

Mr. Van Kekerix served for five years as a youth minister at Muskegon Gospel Tabernacle, Muskegon, Mich. He also served with Home Missions in Rothbury, Mich.; Beach Community Church

in Fruitport, Mich.; Dover Alliance Church, Orange City; Cragmore Alliance, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Helena C.M.A., Helena, Mont.; Haven Community Church, rural Tama; and, for the past three years, Hickory Grove Church, rural Grinnell.

Mr. Van Kekerix also worked as an accountant in Muskegon, as a greeter and greenhouse worker for Hy-Vee in Grinnell and as facilitator of the Mason-Hand Funeral Home's Grieving, Caring, Sharing support group in Tama. He was an emergency medical technician and ambulance driver in Sioux City. He was a member of the South Tama Community Ministerial Organization and a member of the District Executive Committee of C.M.A.

Surviving are his wife; four children, Jacquelyn Lengrand of Colorado Springs, James of Monument, Colo., Jolyn Damico of Grinnell and Juliana McClure of Corbin, Ky.; his mother, of Muskegon; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, one sister and one grandson.

H-R January 22, 1996