

Dick Van Weelden

Dick Van Weelden, 83, of Sully died of complications following heart surgery Saturday, March 29, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted March 23 at Sully Christian Reformed Church, with the Rev. Larry Howerzyl officiating. Burial was in Sully Cemetery, with the Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home of Pella in charge of arrangements.

He was born March 7, 1916, at Lisse, the Netherlands, to Arie and Artjie De Jong Van Weelden. He came with his family to the United States when he was 4 and lived on a farm southeast of Oskaloosa. He attended school in Mahaska County. He became an American citizen in 1940.

He was married to Anna Elizabeth Van Wyk Dec. 3, 1937, near Sully. Mr. Van Weelden had farmed for most of his life, starting in the Pella area and moving in 1944 to a farm north of Sully. He had been a Sully resident since 1984.

He was a member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church, serving for many years as a deacon and elder. He also served on the board of Sully Christian Grade School.

Surviving are his wife; six children, Harley of Pella, Ronald of Otley, Verna Zylstra of Sully, Dwight of Lynnville, Marsha Steenhoek of Ames and Curtis of Sussex, Wis.; 20 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Stella Blommers of Pella and Cora Sneller of Prairie City; and two brothers, Arie of Pella and Arthur of Finley, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cornie and Henry; and one sister, Ella Klyn.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sully Christian Grade School. *H-R*

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