

Morris H. Ver Meer, 96

Morris Henry Ver Meer, 96, of Pella, Iowa, died Monday, May 1, 1995 at Pella Community Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 6, 1995 at the Third Reformed Church in Pella. Rev. Ralph Menning officiated the services. Mrs. Cora Mae De Cook was organist. Soloist was Mrs. Judy Steenhoek with music selections of "Near The Cross" and "Jesus Lover of My Soul." Casket bearers were Douglas Ver Meer, Wayne Ake, Melvin Ver Meer, Jim Ver Meer, Henry Veldhuizen, and Paul Van Zee. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Pella.

Morris was born March 29, 1899, the son of Brant and Gysbertha Tysseling Ver Meer, on their home place five miles east of Pella on Highway 163. Morris attended the Black Oak Center Country Grade School near Pella and the early years of his life were spent on the farm raising tomatoes and pickles. On January 17, 1924, he was united in marriage with Cornelia Vroom at Pella and to this union one son was born, Marvin Carl. In 1923, Morris started working for his brother, Anthony A. Ver Meer at the White Way Auto Company in Pella. Morris and Katie lived all their married life in Pella. Morris was a board member of the "Old People's Home" from 1942 on, later known as the Christian Benevolent Association, and helped to establish the Pella Manor into which he and Katie moved in 1965. Morris retired as a

partner from the White Way Auto in 1965 and his son, Blondie, continued to work there until he and his partners sold the business in 1972. His wife Katie passed away August 2, 1985 and his son, Marvin C. Ver Meer, passed away February 1, 1988. Following their deaths, Morris continued to reside in the Pella Manor until becoming a resident of Hilltop Manor South in Pella in November of 1993. For the past three weeks, Morris has been cared for at the Pella Community Nursing Home in Pella. Morris was a member of the Third Reformed Church in Pella, where he had served on the consistory, and had been a member of the Pella Kiwanis Club. He enjoyed traveling, was very thorough with his record keeping and was always very interested in other people.

Preceding him in death besides his wife and son, were his parents and all his brothers: Anthony A., Albert (A.T.), Edward and Jacob A. Ver Meer.

Morris is survived by his three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren: Lois Beverly and her husband, Wayne Ake of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Douglas Lee Ver Meer and his wife, Debbie, and their three children: Nicole, Brant and Mathew of Montezuma; Laura Ruth and her husband, Dr. Keevin Griffith and their son, Brandon of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Memorials may be made to Hilltop Manor South in Pella.

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