

Robert Zylstra

Robert Zylstra, 70, of Pella, formerly of Grinnell and the Kellogg area, died at his home Friday, March 8.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Faith Christian Reformed Church in Pella, with the Rev. Kenneth Schepel officiating. Pallbearers were his brothers, Martin, Ludolph, Quintin, Seymour, Rolland and Arthur Zylstra. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Pella.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Zylstra's name may be made to the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee or Hospice of Pella.

He was the son of Rienk and Johanna Rolffs Zylstra and was born May 12, 1925, near Sully. He attended Grinnell High School and graduated from Sully High School.

He was married to Harriet Nikkel Feb. 18, 1947, in Sully. They farmed for several years near Kellogg, moving to Pella in 1958. Mr. Zylstra received a B.A. degree in sociology from Central College. For the last 27 years, he was an insurance and real estate agent and owned the Tulip City Agency in Pella.

He was a board member and past president of the Marion County Mutual Insurance Association and a member and former board member of the Pella Chamber of Commerce. He was a retired member of the Professional Insurance Agents of Iowa, the Independent Insurance Agents of

Iowa and the Pella Rotary Club. He served on the board of the Sully Christian Schools and the South Central Mental Health Agency.

Surviving are his wife; five children, Robert of St. Paul, Minn., Theodore of Pella, Marc of Milwaukee, Wis., Elise Yager of Richmond, Va., and Maurice of Des Moines; eight grandchildren; six brothers, Martin of Grand Rapids, Mich., Ludolph of Sully, Quintin of Pella, Rolland of Sully, Seymour of Sully and Arthur of Sully; and four sisters, Joan Bandstra of Pella, Bertha Talsma of Colfax, Revena Gritters of Pella and Linda Riis of Pella.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ivan.

H. R. March 14, 1996