



Goosen C. Van Utrecht

June 5, 1924 - September 19, 2018

Goosen Van Utrecht, 94, of Oskaloosa and formerly of New Sharon died September 19, 2018, at Northern Mahaska Specialty Care in Oskaloosa. Goosen “Goos” Cornelius Van Utrecht was born June 5, 1924, in Rossum, the Netherlands to Adrianus and Antje (Vander Zalm) Van Utrecht. He attended school in Rossum, and after his education, he worked for two years in the local brick factory. He then took a job as a hired man with a farmer, Arie MacLeane, whose farm was only a mile from his home in Rossum. In 1943, after the Nazi’s invaded the Netherlands, they seized Goos and took him to Ludenscheid, Germany where he worked in a prison camp factory until the end of the war. Goos lived behind bars on the 7th floor of the factory and food was so scarce, and of such poor quality, that Goos almost starved to death. From D- Day, June 6, 1944, to April 13, 1945, no packages with food or correspondence would arrive from family. After the liberation, Goos traveled by truck back to Rossum – this trip took him a month and was filled with danger and hardship; a walk through a minefield was one of the perils that he endured. The day he arrived home, he learned that his former employer’s wife, Neeltje MacLeane, had been buried that day and her husband, Arie had died several months earlier. Goosen soon resumed his job on the MacLeane farm and in the midst of all the heartache and hardship that followed the war, he was blessed to find the love of his life, Jane MacLeane, the pretty “farmer’s daughter.”

Goosen and Jane were married July 14, 1948, in Rossum, but within four

months they were on their way to America. They arrived in Iowa with \$100.00 in their pocket and a heart overflowing with hope. The goodness of American/Dutch sponsors brought them to the Oskaloosa/New Sharon area. They eventually purchased the farm in 1960 and lived there until his health required a move into Oskaloosa in December 2016. Goos loved the farm; he milked cows, raised chickens and hogs and had a large vegetable garden in addition to field crops. Goos' passion was work, he enjoyed all kinds of manual labor including digging ditches, operating a scythe, pitching manure and shoveling grain. He was a member of Central Reformed Church, where he had served as a deacon and an elder and also was a member of Farm Bureau.

Goosen's family includes a daughter, Nellie (Dick) Drost of Oskaloosa; sons: Andrew (Lois) Van Utrecht of New Sharon, Phillip (Phyllis) Van Utrecht of Oskaloosa, and Steven (Vickie) Van Utrecht of New Sharon; thirteen grandchildren: Ben (Cori) Drost of Oskaloosa, Bert (Lisa) Drost of West Des Moines, Tim (Amanda) Drost of Oskaloosa, David (Angie) Van Utrecht of Bettendorf, Iowa, John (Teresa) Van Utrecht of Ottumwa, Matthew (Jil) Van Utrecht of New Sharon, Sarah (Josh) Hawk of New Sharon, Katie (Bob) Olvera of Olathe, Kansas, Jennifer (Andrew) Groenenboom of Oskaloosa, Laura (Nick) Anderson of New Sharon, Mike (Julie) Van Utrecht of New Sharon, Melissa (Brandon) Bandstra of New Sharon and Brian (Whitnie) Van Utrecht of New Sharon; 36 great-grandchildren and three more on the way. Goosen was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jane on March 7, 2013; a brother, Gerrit Van Utrecht, and a sister, Martina (Thies) Van Goor. Funeral Services for Goosen will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, September 22, 2018, at Central Reformed Church with Rev. Jon Nelson officiating. A family prayer service will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of the church. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin after 11 a.m., Friday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m. Friday evening. Memorials may be made to Central Reformed Church.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Open Visitation

SEP **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 672-2181
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

Family Visitation

SEP **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Family Prayer Service

SEP **22**. 10:15 AM (CT)

Central Reformed Church Lower Level
815 Second Ave. East
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Funeral

SEP **22**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Central Reformed Church
815 2nd Ave. East
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
d.langkamp@mahaska.org

Tribute Wall



“ *Goosen C. Van Utrecht*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *To the family of Mr. Van Utrecht Thoughts and prayers for everyone I was so inspired by his life history. . It should be in a history class what it means to have faith in God. and what hard work will do. Lois and Phyllis I know you two more than else in the family. My heart goes to you two. Prayers for now and for the days ahead. Gary Delores (Morgan} Cundiff of Kirkville Ia*

Delores (Morgan} Cundiff - September 22, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Goosen C. Van Utrecht.*



September 21, 2018 at 11:59 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of this great man. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Joyce Beyer - September 21, 2018 at 10:33 AM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - September 21, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Goosen C. Van Utrecht*.



September 20, 2018 at 10:25 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers to the entire Van Utrecht family at this difficult time. May all of your wonderful family memories ease the sadness in your days ahead.*



*Scott & Kathy Shaw
Kyle, Heather, Cheyenne & Gage Shaw
Stacy & Cyler Sammons*

Kathy Shaw - September 20, 2018 at 09:51 PM

TS

“ *What a heritage! Great man and family.*

Tim Sparks - September 20, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ *What an interesting history Goos had. Thinking of Vicki and the entire family and keeping them in my prayers in this time of loss.*

Debbie Doty - September 20, 2018 at 05:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Goosen C. Van Utrecht.*



September 20, 2018 at 03:50 PM

ST

“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Van Utrecht. By God's grace he overcame many hardships and became a very successful farmer. Shortly after I moved to Iowa from Canada, I remember my father-in-law, Rex Thomas, taking Mr. Van Utrecht to see some Farmers Hybrid boars. It was a very interesting ride. I had difficulty understanding that Dutch accent! My sympathy and prayers go especially to Nellie and David.*

Sandy Thomas

Sandy Thomas - September 20, 2018 at 07:34 AM

JF

“ *Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Goosen C. Van Utrecht*



Jeff & Jill Ferguson - September 19, 2018 at 06:19 PM

DW

“ *Deb De Witt lit a candle in memory of Goosen C. Van Utrecht*



Deb De Witt - September 19, 2018 at 04:42 PM

SW

“ *Prayers of comfort for all of Goos family...*



Sherry Willey - September 19, 2018 at 03:44 PM