



Howard Groenendyk

July 15, 1931 - January 31, 2018

Howard Groenendyk, 86, of Oskaloosa and formerly of Cedar passed away Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at the Northern Mahaska Specialty Care Center in Oskaloosa.

Howard Eugene Groenendyk, son of Cornelius and Jeanette (Meppelink) Groenendyk, was born July 15, 1931 in Oskaloosa, IA. He was a 1949 graduate of Pella Christian High School. After graduation he began farming with his father and brother on the family farm near Cedar. He was drafted by the U.S. Army and entered into active service, February 14, 1952. He served during the Korean Conflict and was discharged as a Sergeant, February 13, 1954. September 4, 1952, while in the service, he married Effie Jean Pleima in Pella. After his discharge, they settled on his family's farm near Cedar where they lived for 49 years. From 1994 to 2002, he served as a Mahaska County Supervisor. He and Effie retired from farming in 2001 and moved into Cedar. Howard was a charter member of the Cedar Christian Reformed Church where he served as an elder and a deacon. He was also a member of the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans Association. He served on the Oskaloosa Christian School Board and the Pella Christian High School Board. Howard cherished his family and was especially proud of his children and their accomplishments.

Howard's family includes his wife, Effie Groenendyk of Pella; his children and their spouses: Ronald and Judy Groenendyk of Oskaloosa, Russell and Linda Groenendyk of Downs, Kansas, Beverly and Wavern De Vries of Pella, Karen

and Dan Broekhuis of Beloit, Wisconsin, and Kathi Groenendyk and Garth Pauley of Grand Rapids, Michigan; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Eleanor Groenendyk of Oskaloosa.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Hol; a sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Martin Zylstra; a brother, Willis Groenendyk; and an infant great-granddaughter, Aliza Broekhuis.

Funeral services for Howard will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, February 5, 2018, at the Cedar Christian Reformed Church with Rev. Tom Soerens of the First Christian Reformed Church in Oostburg, Wisconsin officiating. A family prayer service will be held at 10:45 a.m. before the funeral in the lower level of the church. Burial will be at 9:45 a.m. prior to service in Evergreen Cemetery near Leighton; Military Honors will be provided by the Oskaloosa Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., Sunday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 2-4 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the Oskaloosa Christian Grade School or the Pella Christian High School VO-AG program.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 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

FEB 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

FEB 5. 9:45 AM (CT)

Evergreen Cemetery
Easton Ave. and 205th ST
Leighton, IA 50143

Family Prayer Service

FEB 5. 10:45 AM (CT)

Cedar Christian Reformed Church
3056 Rutledge Ave,
Cedar, IA 52543

Funeral

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Cedar, IA 52543

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Groenendyk*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Howard Groenendyk.*



February 15, 2018 at 09:06 AM



“ *Howard was a a very kind, caring, soft spoken gentleman. We have so many fond memories of sharing with the Groenendyk family. " Remembering the Wonderful Life he lived, Honoring the Beautiful Memories he has left." Love, Hugs and Prayers to you all! Leslie and Irene Krusemark and Family.*

Leslie Krusemark - February 05, 2018 at 10:19 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Groenendyk.*



February 03, 2018 at 09:31 PM