



## Paul Stursma

January 5, 1939 - February 18, 2009

Paul passed away Wednesday morning at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City at the age of 70 years, 1 month and 13 days.

Martin Paul Stursma, son of Ryn and Marie Simons Stursma, was born January 5, 1939 in Pella, Iowa. He was a graduate of Pella Christian Grade School. As a young man he worked for Ray Klyn Tire in Pella. Paul was united in marriage to Shirley Mae Bogaards May 30, 1958 in Pella. He purchased the brake and alignment portion of Ray Klyn Tire and opened Paul's Brake and Alignment in Pella. December 14, 1961 he was inducted into the US Army. He was discharged as Private First Class on December 13, 1963. After his discharge he returned to the Pella area and farmed NW of Leighton until 1973. At that time he and Shirley purchased their own farm south of Leighton, where they still maintain a home. Paul was a member of the Leighton Christian Reformed Church where he served as deacon, taught Sunday school and led young adult's groups. He loved to fish, spend time out of doors and with his family. He also enjoyed working in his farm shop making windmills, weather vanes and various other metal sculptures.

Paul's family includes his wife, Shirley of Oskaloosa; a daughter and son-in-law, Kriste and Mike Van Den Heuvel of Cedar; a son, Tim Stursma of University Park and his special friend, Sarah Rust of Eddyville; two grandchildren: Kate and her husband, Adam De Jong of Oskaloosa and Grant Van Den Heuvel of Cedar. He is survived by two brothers: William ""Bill"" (Hermina) Stursma and Henry Stursma; a sister, Thressa Nieuwsma; sisters-in-law: Jo Stursma, Pearl Van Waardhuizen and Ruth Van Hal, all of Pella; and brothers-in-law: Gerald (Mattie) Bogaards of Pella and Lawrence (Harriett) Bogaards of Oskaloosa.

Besides his parents, Paul was preceded in death by a brother, Cornie Stursma; brothers-in-law: Gelmer Nieuwsma, John Van Waardhuizen and Ray Van Hal; and sisters-in-law, Betty Stursma and Bertha Bogaards.

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