



**F**rank Ypma of Manhattan passed away February 21, 2009. He was born August 12, 1910 in Manhattan to Ype and Altje Ypma. He is survived by his nine children; Ron and Helen Fitzroy, Robert and Virginia Bos, Fred and Helene Ypma, Marsha Hulsebus, Bill and TseTse Ypma, Paula Kelly, Robert and Barbara DeBoer, Jerry and Mary Ellen Ypma, and Randall Ypma; 23 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Martha; two sons-in-law, Pierre Hulsebus and Tim Kelly; a grandson, Darrin Kelly; and two great-grandsons, Roland Nugyen and Kyle Peterson. He attended Christian schools in the area, graduated from high school in Grundy Center, Iowa, and attended Montana State Normal School in Dillon where he played basketball and baseball, and graduated with a permanent teaching degree. He taught school for seven years in Vincent and Highline. During this time he married Martha Memmelaar, a school teacher from Iowa. They were married 63 years before her death in 1997.

He joined the US Postal Service and worked for them until his retirement in 1972. His postal service was interrupted by a stint in the Navy during WWII.

He enjoyed retirement by serving on several mission projects in California, Florida, Oklahoma, and Maryland. After that he returned home to Manhattan where he and Martha lived on Bob and Virginia's farm until his death. He was a farmer at heart and enjoyed the last part of his life helping with farm chores and enjoying Virginia's good cooking. Frank's life was characterized by faith and family. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, the Bobcats, family reunions and especially his relationship with his heavenly Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. During his life in Montana he attended Christian Reformed Churches, Abundant Life Fellowship, and for the last five years Manhattan Presbyterian. He will be remembered for his humor, his zest for anything new, and his love for the Lord.

Remembrances in Frank's name can be made to KGVW or the Mission Outreach of Manhattan Presbyterian Church. Both of these were dear to his heart.

Burial will take place Friday, February 27, 2009 at Hill Cemetery at 10 am. A celebration of life will follow at Manhattan Christian Reformed Church at 11:00 am. Visitation will be held Thursday, February 26th, from 5pm-9pm at Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service.