



James S. Veltkamp

January 21, 1919 ~ November 5, 2010

James S. Veltkamp, 91, of Churchill went to be with his Lord on Friday, November 5, 2010. He was born on January 21, 1919 to Stephen and Anna Veltkamp, the 4th of 9 children. Jim was 16 when his father died leaving his mother to raise the family with the help of the older children. He was married to Aileen Vander Molen on August 10, 1943. They were blessed with 5 children.

He attended Dillon Teachers College, spent time in the Navy and then taught at various schools in the Manhattan area, where he lived his entire life. He and his brothers leased some ground in the Three Forks area, it was the start of his farming career, which he loved, for the rest of his life. He served different times on the Christian school board, the church council, and many different farm related organizations giving back to the community he loved. He was a charter member of the Bethel Christian Reformed Church where he enjoyed welcoming worshipers, especially the visitors. He was the "Grandpa" to many young children at church because they knew there was always some candy in his pocket.

He will be missed by his loving wife of 67 years, Aileen. His children, Stuart (Kathy) Veltkamp, Karen (Dennis) Visser, Rodney (Sina) Veltkamp, Sharidee (Larry) Addink, and Lee Veltkamp. Others are his brother, Harold (Arlene) Veltkamp; sisters, Margretha Broekema, Stephana (Don) Bos; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Veltkamp, Martha (Dick) Vanderby, Tressa (John) Danhof, Edith Vander Molen, Gertrude Kingma; 24 grandchildren; and 25 great grandchildren.

Family members already with the Lord are his much loved granddaughter, Esther Veltkamp; his parents; brothers, Tom and Henry Veltkamp; and sisters, Tressa, Henrietta, and Christine. His parents-in-law, Ties and Cornelia Vander Molen; brothers-in-law, John and Cornelius Vander Molen; and sister-in-law, Ann Vanderwall.

Memories of Jim as a husband, father, grandfather, and friends will be held by many.

Memorials can be made to the Manhattan Christian School Foundation, 8000 Churchill Road, Manhattan, MT 59741.

Graveside Services will be held on Wednesday, November 10, at 2pm at Churchill Cemetery, with a Memorial Service following at 3pm at Bethel Christian Reformed Church. Visitation will be held at Dokken-Nelson on Tuesday evening, November 9, from 6 to 8pm.