



Jacob "Jake" Van Voorst, son of Jacob and Jennie (Maassen) Van Voorst, was born March 5, 1932, in rural Sioux County, Iowa. Jake grew up on the family farm and went to school through the 8th grade. On July 15, 1953, Jake was inducted into the United States Army, and he proudly served his country during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged on June 8, 1955.

On July 7, 1958, Jake was united in marriage with Hilda Roskam at Rock Valley, Iowa. The couple made their home in Lester, Iowa. Jake worked as an electrician for Phil Mogler. Aspiring to own his own business, Jake bought out Phil's electrical business and began Jake's Electric. He was a dedicated electrician and enjoyed the many customers he served over the years.

In addition to his electrical work, Jake also enjoyed installing lawns and sprinkler systems. He was a jack of all trades. He also found joy in his hobbies. Jake built and flew model airplanes and built and drove model speedboats. He was also a woodworker, which many family members were the beneficiaries of. From making toys to necklace holders, firetrucks, and beyond, he was very talented. He never really retired as he stayed busy until turning 90 years old. In 2022, Jake and Hilda moved to Rock Rapids, Iowa and in March 2025 Jake moved to Fellowship Village in Inwood, Iowa where he passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at the age of 93.

Jake is survived by his wife of 67 years, Hilda Van Voorst of Rock Rapids; 5 children, Julie (Craig) De Ruyter of Rock Rapids, Sheryl (Scott) Moret of Gilbert, Arizona, Lisa (Doug) Faber of Inwood, Wanda (Elwyn) Hoogendoorn of George, Iowa, and Jacob "Jay" (Stacy) Van Voorst of Canton, South Dakota; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; sister, Jeanette (Marv) Van Beek of Rock Valley; and sister-in-law, Rena Van Voorst of Sioux Center, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob and Jennie Van Voorst; grandson, Lucas Faber; and 2 brothers, John and Raymond Van Voorst.

In Loving Memory
Jacob "Jake" Van Voorst
March 5, 1932 ~ December 23, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICE
10:00 AM, Saturday, December 27, 2025
Porter Funeral Home
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT
Rev. J.J. Witvoet
Netherlands Reformed Congregation

ORGANIST
Ruth Hoefakker

PSALTERS
"The Fatherly Love of God" #278 vs.1-4
"Confiding Prayer" #235 vs.1-3

PALLBEARERS
Cody De Ruyter ~ Deryck Hoogendoorn
Devin Faber ~ Jacob Van Voorst
Garlen Van Beek ~ Dale Zomer

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Hunter Hoogendoorn ~ Koby Peelen

INTERMENT
Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Following the committal service at the cemetery,
the family invites everyone to a luncheon at the
Parkview Event Center (1303 10th Street, Rock Valley).*

TAPS

*Day is done, gone the sun
from the lake, from the hill,
from the sky. All is well, safely rest.
God is nigh. Thanks and praise
for our days 'neath the sun,
'neath the stars, 'neath the sky.
As we go, this we know. God is nigh.*

