

Kermit Leroy De Vries was born on September 3, 1941, in Sheldon, Iowa, to Clarence and Cora (Janssen) De Vries. He married Brenda Farnsworth on November 8, 1963, at the Archer Methodist Church in Archer, Iowa. They made their home in Sheldon, and together they had 5 children.

Kerm spent his childhood as a farm kid near Sheldon. He attended Sheldon Christian School and Western Christian High School. He then became a mechanic for Lou's Conoco and later for Les Van Beek. Kerm would go on to start De Vries Grinding as a mobile feed grinder for area farmers. In 1969 he began farming with "his right-hand man" Brenda, north of Sheldon where he spent the majority of his livelihood and raised his family. He enjoyed working with his hands and fixing almost anything mechanical, often performing his own repairs on his equipment. Kerm was a member of the Sheldon Christian Reformed Church where he served on the council. He also served on the board of the Ritter elevator and Christian School. He farmed until his retirement in 2005. He was proud of raising his kids on the farm and teaching them life lessons. Kerm enjoyed most things that involved being outdoors. Throughout the years he spent many hours fishing, camping, working with his horses, and doing woodworking projects.

After retiring, Kerm and Brenda moved to Inwood, Iowa to be closer to family. Upon their move, Kerm and Brenda became members of Inwood Christian Reformed Church. Kerm continued to work side jobs, first for Marlin Faber and later with a local silage crew. He enjoyed going on tractor rides in the area during the summers and spending winters in Texas at Trophy Gardens. Kerm spent countless hours in his garage or shop, always finding something that he thought needed fixing. Kerm passed away Monday, August 24, 2026, at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley, Iowa at the age of 84.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, Brenda; son, Kurt (Kay) De Vries and their children, Bailey (James) Bakker, Riley De Vries and Jacee De Vries; daughter, Kara De Vries and her children, Mia (Damon) Dekkers and Kate Schnabel; Son, Kody De Vries and his daughter, Whitney Minter; step-grandchildren, Tamika Eastman, Sierra Eastman, and Torri Neal; five great-grandchildren and another due in November; two sisters, Mary (Joe) Bosma and Helen Peuse; and 4 siblings-in-law, Wanda (Don) Steffens, Tom Farnsworth, Sandra (Mike) Yost, and Susan (Jerry) Murphy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Cora De Vries; stepmother, Ann De Vries; and his children, Kami De Vries and Kacy De Vries.

Remembering the Life of Kermit Leroy De Vries *September 3, 1941 ~ August 24, 2026*

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Friday, August 28, 2026
Inwood Christian Reformed Church
Inwood, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Nathan Nieuwendorp

PRELUDE

"This World Is Not My Home"

Jim Reeves

"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

PROCESSIONAL

"I Will Rise"

Chris Tomlin

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Bill Kortemeyer

"There Is a Redeemer"

Shirley Van Engen

PALLBEARERS

Riley De Vries ~ Jacee De Vries

Bailey Bakker ~ James Bakker

Mia Dekkers ~ Damon Dekkers ~ Kate Schnabel

INTERMENT

East Lawn Cemetery
Sheldon, Iowa

Kerm's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall immediately following the funeral service.

Furrows And Fields

I spent my life in furrows and fields
Working and tilling the land
Observing the beauties created
By God's almighty hand

I have touched the richness of soil
I've born the wind and sun on my face
And I would choose this life and this land
Over any other place

A life filled with crimson-dawned mornings
When I was up to greet the sky
Days spent with family and creation
All throughout my life

I was blessed to experience each springtime
Where raindrops have washed the earth clean
While summer's sun nurtured my harvests
Fields bearing the lushness of green

And my life's been strengthened by trials
For the weak can never belong
In a living where nature and the elements
Form a body and a courage that's strong

Still, I've also been blessed with some miracles
During trying times when I couldn't go on
Until God sent me the help I needed
And kept me right where I belonged

So having witnessed the power of God
Upon my life and upon the seasons
I know there's a purpose in everything
Though sometimes we don't know the reasons

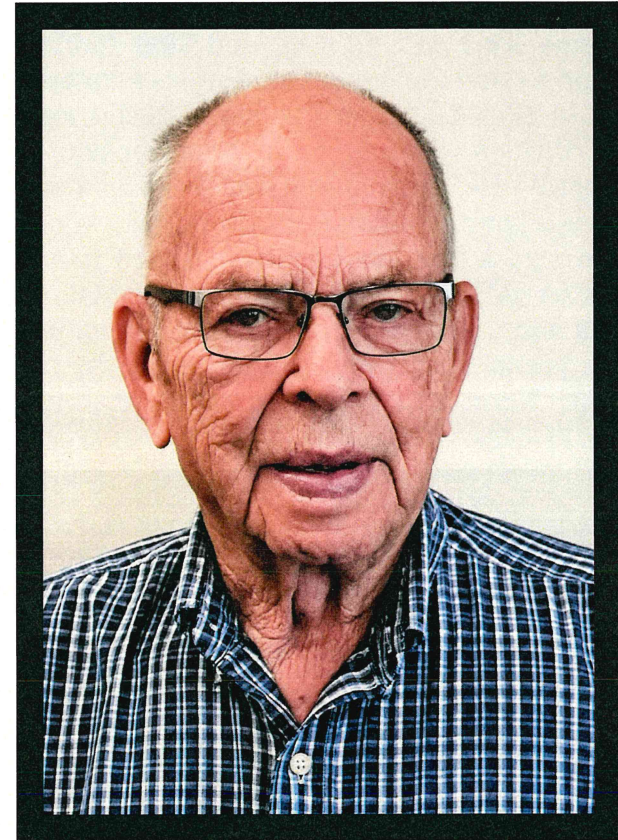
...And so my life must be no different
Just like the crops that I have grown
For I am also God's child and seed
That at harvest must come home...

To share in the joy of His presence
And to humbly kneel at His feet
Entering into His joy, and His rest
For a season of everlasting peace.



In Loving Memory **Kermit Leroy De Vries**

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*The time has come for me to leave this life.
I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race.
I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me
the crown of righteousness which the LORD,
the righteous judge, will award to me on that day.*

~ From Paul's Second Letter to Timothy ~