



John Van Ginkel, son of Ralph and Effie (Maassen) Van Ginkel, was born January 14, 1929, at home near Rock Valley, Iowa. He was the second of five children. John served his country in the United States Army from June 22, 1951 to June 12, 1953, during the Korean Conflict.

John was united in marriage to Jeanette Van Voorst on February 8, 1957, at the Netherlands Reformed Church

in Sioux Center, Iowa. Together they raised 11 children on a farm south of Inwood, Iowa. They retired to Rock Valley, Iowa in 2000 and together they moved to Whispering Heights in December of 2023. Jeanette passed away on April 30, 2025.

John was a lifetime member of the Netherlands Reformed Congregation in Rock Valley where he served many years as an elder. He cared for his family through prayer, instruction, and love. For many years he lovingly cared for his son, Glenn, at home after he was injured in a childhood farm accident. His kindness and selflessness will be remembered by those who knew him. John passed away Sunday, June 28, 2026, at Whispering Heights at the age of 97.

John is survived by his 5 sons, Henry Van Ginkel, Rallyn (Deborah) Van Ginkel, James (Bonnie) Van Ginkel, Timothy (Kelly) Van Ginkel, and Daniel (Michele) Van Ginkel; 5 daughters, Ellen (Vern) Van Beek, Jelaine (Kent) Schelling, Laura (Harlen) Van Beek, Karen (Randall) Van Beek, and LeAnn (Mark) Wynia; 54 grandchildren; 110 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, John Van Beek Jr.; 7 sisters-in-law; and 3 brothers-in-law from the Van Voorst Family.

Preceding John in death were his wife, Jeanette; parents, Ralph and Effie; parents-in-law, Henry and Gertie; infant daughter, Leah; son, Glenn; 2 granddaughters, Julie and Marissa; great-grandson, Levi; brother, Everett (Hermine); 3 sisters, Gertrude (William) Vande Stouwe, Roelvina (Gilbert) Hoogendoorn, and Ethel Van Beek; 4 brothers-in-law; and 3 sisters-in-law.

In Loving Memory
John Van Ginkel
January 14, 1929 ~ June 28, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Wednesday, July 1, 2026
Netherlands Reformed Congregation
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Rev. J.J. Witvoet

ORGANIST

Lisa Breuer

PSALTERS

"Praise and Confession" #290 vs.1-5
"My Mouth Shall Sing for Aye" #422 vs.5,6,8

PALLBEARERS

Henry Van Ginkel ~ Rallyn Van Ginkel
James Van Ginkel ~ Timothy Van Ginkel
Daniel Van Ginkel ~ Jonathan Van Ginkel
Ryan Van Ginkel

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

*John's family invites everyone for a time of food
and fellowship at the Netherlands Reformed Christian
School following the committal service at the cemetery.*

The Fatherly Love of God

Psalter 278:1,4,5

*The tender love a father has
For all his children dear,
Such love the Lord bestows on them
Who worship Him in fear.*

*Unchanging is the love of God,
From age to age the same,
Displayed to all who do His will
And reverence His Name.*

*Those who His gracious covenant keep
The Lord will ever bless;
Their children's children shall rejoice
To see His righteousness.*

