



Peter Vande Stroet, a retired farmer and teacher, loving husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, and avid fisherman, entered his eternal rest on October 6, 2024, at the age of 84.

Born on January 29, 1940, to Gilbert and Nellie (Van Egdom) Vande Stroet in their rural Inwood, Iowa home, Peter grew up with a love for farming, hunting and fishing. After graduation from Western Christian High School, he enlisted in the Air Force National Guard. Upon his honorable discharge in 1961 he attended Northwestern College where he received a teaching degree while farming. He taught first at Inwood Christian School and then at the Rock Valley Christian School.

Smitten with love, on July 10, 1970, he married Ruth Bloemendaal and together built a life on their farm by Rock Valley, Iowa. A blessed union of 55 years, they had 4 children, 14 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren and cherished any time they could spend together as a family.

Although he left teaching to farm full time in 1976, his passion for teaching was still evident as he taught in various ways in their church. As a father he taught his sons to hunt, fish and trap and in time would also share that knowledge with his grandsons as well. His children and grandchildren could never escape their home without giving him a 'moosie' on the cheek or receiving a sincere goodbye from him.

In his later years, Peter enjoyed spending his time gardening, reading about WWII and riding his cycle or giving his grandchildren rides. He was a faithful servant of God in every area of his life and looked forward to meeting his Heavenly Father one day.

Left to cherish Pete's memory are his wife, Ruth (Bloemendaal) Vande Stroet; his 4 children, Jennifer (Scott) Bakeberg of Lino Lakes, Minnesota, Michael (Carmen) Vande Stroet of Hull, Iowa, Julie (Chad) Van Voorst of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Loren (Mellisa) Vande Stroet of Hot Springs, South Dakota; 13 grandchildren, Jenna (Zane) Waring, Michaela Vande Stroet, Kyra (Tate) Rauscher, Hannah (Levi) Metzger, Reid Vande Stroet, Tyler (Jordan) Van Voorst, Blaine Van Voorst, Lathan Van Voorst, Makena Bakeberg, Thad Vande Stroet, Brett Bakeberg, Amaya Van Voorst, and Taryn Vande Stroet; grandson-in-law, Trevor Engeltjes; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Bernice Hamilton of Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Jeanette (Gerard) Van Beek of Inwood, Iowa; and sisters-in-law, Irene (Henry) Ter Wee of Inwood, Iowa, Harriet (Cornelius) Van Beek of Sioux Center, Iowa, and Denise Vande Stroet of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Nellie Vande Stroet; sister, Evelyn Vande Stroet; brother, Rick Vande Stroet; granddaughter, Courtney Engeltjes; great-granddaughter, Kasey Engeltjes; parents-in-law, Eilert and Pearl Bloemendaal; sister-in-law, Joyce (Robert) Ver Mulm; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Bloemendaal.

## *In Loving Memory* **Peter Vande Stroet**

*January 29, 1940 ~ October 6, 2024*

### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 10:30 AM  
First Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

### **OFFICIATING**

Rev. Cliff Hoekstra

### **PIANIST**

Vicky Kooistra

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"A Wonderful Savior is Jesus My Lord"*  
*"I'd Rather Have Jesus"*  
*"What a Day That Will Be"*

### **PALLBEARERS**

Reid Vande Stroet ~ Tyler Van Voorst  
Blaine Van Voorst ~ Lathan Van Voorst  
Thad Vande Stroet ~ Brett Bakeberg

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Jenna Waring ~ Michaela Vande Stroet  
Kyra Rauscher ~ Hannah Metzger  
Makena Bakeberg ~ Amaya Van Voorst ~ Taryn Vande Stroet

### **FLAG PRESENTATION**

American Legion Post 321 Pfarrer Fox  
Rock Valley, Iowa

### **INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

Peter's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at the First Christian Reformed Church fellowship hall (1401 16th Street) following the committal service at Valley View Cemetery.



## *I'd Rather Have Jesus*

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;  
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;  
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame.  
I'd rather be true to His holy name

Than to be the king of a vast domain  
Or be held in sin's dread sway.  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything  
This world affords today.

## **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life: and I will dwell  
in the house of the Lord for ever.

