



Arvin John Hoogendoorn was born at his home in Hudson, South Dakota, on June 10, 1941, to Johannes Arie Hoogendoorn and Adriana (Groeneweg) Hoogendoorn. Arvin attended Rock Valley Community School from first through fourth grade. He then attended country school from fifth through eighth grade. Arvin farmed all of

his life west of Rock Valley, Iowa. He also enjoyed restoring antique cars.

Arvin was united in marriage to Betty Kats on August 20, 1964. When asked what the best day of his life was, Arvin responded, "Being with my wife Betty." To this union, they were blessed with 5 children: Darwin (Tracy) Hoogendoorn, Jody (Jeff) Folkens, Kristi (Scott) Tiedeman, Tamara (Mike) Haverhals, and Kari (Milton) Timmer.

Arvin passed away on Monday, October 3, 2022, under the care of his loving wife and family on his farm west of Rock Valley at the age of 81.

Arvin is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty; 5 children and their spouses; 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, Kyle Hoogendoorn, Cierra (Marcus) Overweg (Waverly, Saydie), Alyson (Rod) Banda (Isaiah), Kayla Hoogendoorn, Dylan, Riley, Reide, and Danie Folkens, Ariana, Brendan, Cade, Drew, and Summer Tiedeman, Brooke and Cole Haverhals, and Deegan and Mckinley Timmer; special additional family and their children and grandchildren, Doug (Karla) Kats, Byron (Teresa) Kats, Wes (Deb) Kats, and Kim (Steve) Haveman; brother, Gilbert (Lorraine) Hoogendoorn; 2 sisters, Coba Van Tilburg and Marge (John) Mantel; 2 sisters-in-law, Ada Hoogendoorn and Mary Hoogendoorn; and many nieces and nephews.

Arvin was preceded in death by his parents; baby brother; 2 brothers, Joel and Marian Hoogendoorn; and brother-in-law, Marvin Van Tilburg.

*In Loving Memory*  
**Arvin John Hoogendoorn**

*June 10, 1941 ~ October 3, 2022*

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

2:00 PM, Thursday, October 6, 2022  
First Christian Reformed Church  
Rock Valley, Iowa

**OFFICIANT**

Rev. Matthew Haan

**ORGANIST**

Deanna Faber

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"How Great Thou Art"*

*"Amazing Grace"*

(Jody Folkens, Kristi Tiedeman & Summer Tiedeman)

*"God's Way Is The Best Way"*

*"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"Just As I Am"*

(Jody Folkens & Kristi Tiedeman)

*"In the Sweet By and By"*

(Jarod LeLoux)

**PALLBEARERS**

Kyle Hoogendoorn ~ Dylan Folkens

Reide Folkens ~ Brendan Tiedeman

Cade Tiedeman ~ Drew Tiedeman ~ Cole Haverhals

Deegan Timmer ~ Byron Kats ~ Wes Kats

**INTERMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Arvin's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the burial.*

# *JUST A FARMER*

*“Just a farmer,” you said  
And I laughed ‘cause I knew  
All the things that farmers  
Must be able to do.*

*They must study the land  
Then watch the sky,  
And figure just when  
Is the right time and why-*

*To sow and to plant, to buy and to sell  
To go to the market with cattle and, well-  
You know the books that farmers must keep  
To pay all those taxes and be able to sleep*

*And you know the fixin’  
That farmers must do  
When machines like mad monsters  
Blow a gasket or two.*

*I guess when God needed folks  
To care for His earth  
He chose “Just Farmers”*

*Cause He knew their true worth.*

*~ Helen G. Coon*

