



Harold James Van Otterloo was born on November 16, 1934 in Sioux Center, IA, the son of Lane and Catherine (Duistemars) Van Otterloo. He attended Sioux Center Community School through eighth grade at which time he went to work to support his mom and brother following the death of his dad. He spent more than 70 years in the grocery business, from stocking shelves to owning and operating his own Van's grocery stores in Rock Valley for 59 years.

Harold was united in marriage to Darlene Smit on June 21, 1955. To this marriage Michael, Kevin and David were born. Darlene was killed in an automobile accident on November 1, 1967. On August 7, 1969, Harold married Mary Jo Wobbema. To this family were added Kari and Kathy.

Harold will be remembered as a humble man who was full of integrity. He had a deep, unwavering love for the Lord and for his family. He was kind, compassionate and full of grace. He experienced unthinkable tragedy and sorrow in his life, but allowed God to use those events to bring glory to Him. Though tested, his faith did not waver. He was a patient man and fully present to the people he was with. Whether giving advice, teaching a skill or lending a listening ear, he had the gift of making you feel as though you were the only person in the world in that moment.

One of his greatest joys was watching his kids and grandkids do the things they loved - no matter what it was. Harold also loved the outdoors, including potting flowers, spending time in his own backyard, on the water or driving through the mountains.

Harold suffered a stroke in December of 2019 and much of who he was would never be the same from that day forward. His most beautiful traits remained until his last breath, including his faith in Jesus and his tender love towards his wife, kids, grandkids, great grandkids and his great-great grandson. He continued to love well and laugh hard.

Harold peacefully entered into the arms of his faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, surrounded by his family on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 86.

Harold is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Jo; sons, Mike (Judy), Kevin (Letti) all of Rock Valley, IA; Dave (Beth) of Haskell, OK; Kari (Bryan) Case of Lake City, IA; and Kathy (Chris) Godfredsen of Rock Valley, IA. Survivors also include 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, with two expected this spring, and one great-great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, his brother, Leonard Van Otterloo, and daughter-in-law, Kris Kooima.

Remembering the Life of Harold James Van Otterloo

November 16, 1934 ~ November 14, 2021

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 AM, Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Faith Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Chris Godfredsen
Rev. Bobby Van Otterloo

WORSHIP LEADER

Ray Badudu

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:19-26

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"It is Well With My Soul"
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
"What a Beautiful Name it is"
"Goodness of God"
"How Great Thou Art"

PALLBEARERS

Joey Van Otterloo ~ Bobby Van Otterloo
Melissa Eich ~ Nikki Johnsen
Katie Van Ginkel ~ Kyler Case
Kody Case ~ Alex Godfredsen

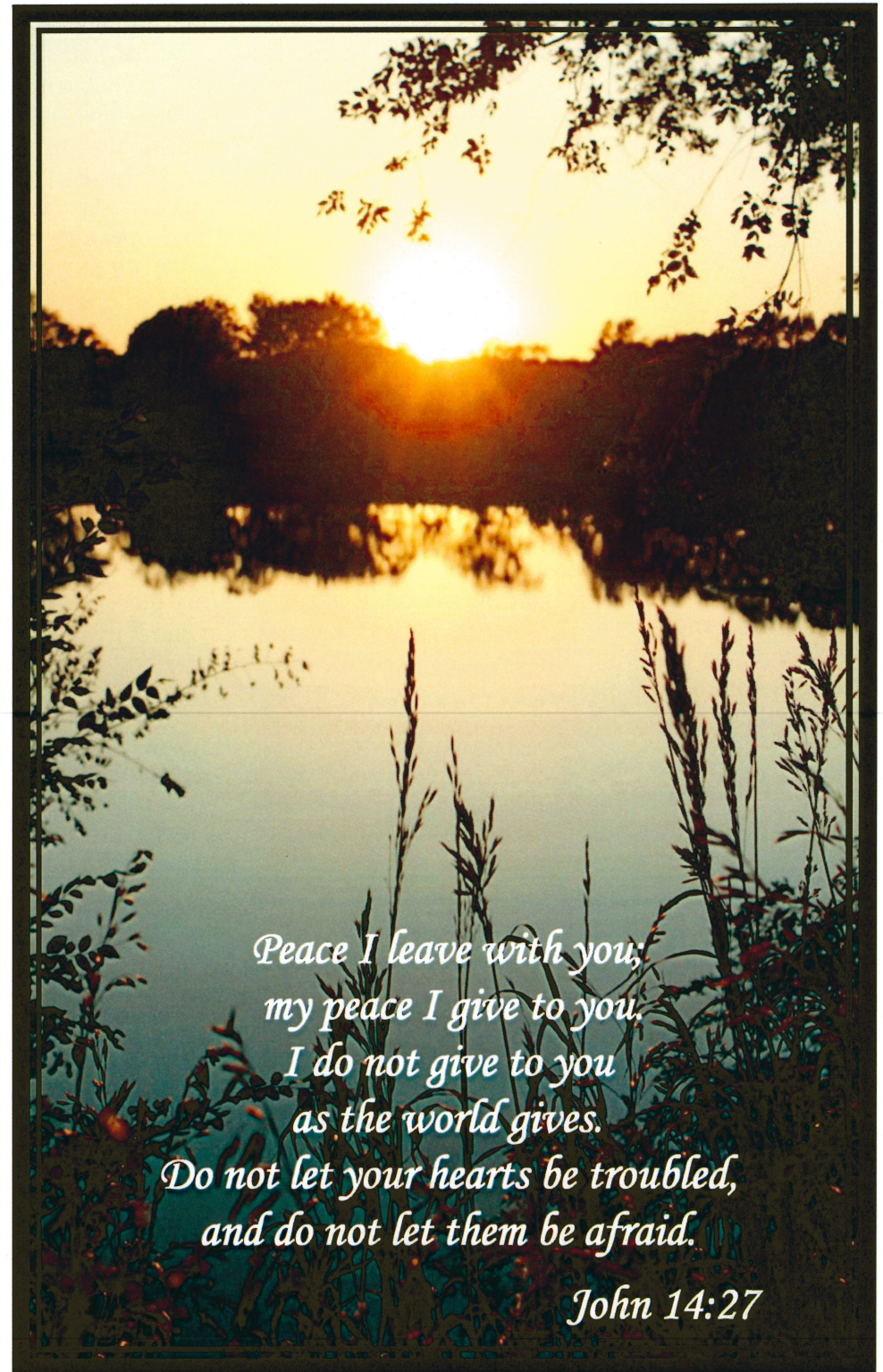
INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Harold's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the Family Life Center following the committal service at the cemetery.

23rd Psalm

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 names 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 forever.*



*Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you
as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.*

John 14:27