



Harlan Jay Van't Hul was born to Bert and Gertrude (Van Maanen) Van't Hul on January 15, 1942. He grew up on a farm 3 ½ miles east of Rock Valley, Iowa with three brothers and eight sisters. He was a lifetime member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley where he professed his faith in Jesus Christ and later served as an elder and attended Bible studies. Harlan attended Rock Valley Christian School and Western Christian High School and later served on the board at RVCS. After graduating from high school, he worked at the Rock Valley Creamery, Van't Hul Well Digging, B&H Hatchery, spreading anhydrous for the Farmers Elevator, went to auctioneering school, and did some farming in the evening.

On March 15, 1963, he was united in marriage to Mary Humme. They moved to a farm 2 ¼ miles east of Rock Valley. Together they were blessed with three children, Mark, Tim, and Rachelle. In April of 1966, Harlan experienced a life altering accident resulting in the loss of his eyesight. He had countless cornea transplants and trips to Iowa City. He attended the Iowa school for the blind and was taught mobility with the use of his white cane, and to strive to do anything a sighted person can do. There were times he could see for short periods of time only to be disappointed in rejection of the cornea.

Harlan's heart was in farming and he continued to manage the farm with the help of family and neighbors. Harlan's sons took interest in the farm, and it became a family farm operation. In 2011 he received an artificial cornea and enjoyed limited vision for six years. This allowed him to enjoy riding his bike to play cards at the Senior Center, making some good friends and having many good laughs. In February 2021 his Parkinson's disease became unmanageable at home. Harlan took up residence at Whispering Heights where he was cared for by loving nurses and his wife. Harlan passed away at Whispering Heights on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2022, at the age of 80.

Left to cherish his memory are his **wife** of almost 60 years, **Mary**; **son, Mark (Deb) Van't Hul** and their three children: Tyler Van't Hul, Christa Van't Hul, and Megan (Alex) Sykora and their son, Brooks Sykora; **son, Tim (Debbie) Van't Hul** and their three children: Brandon (Bri) Van't Hul, Miranda Van't Hul, and Lucas Van't Hul; **daughter, Rachelle (James) Vanden Bos** and their three children: Ashley (Colton) Van Otterloo, and their daughter, Hayden, Carter Vanden Bos and Levi Vanden Bos; brother, Orville (Arlene) Van't Hul; three sisters, Harriet Vande Kamp, Joyce (Fred) Smits and Joanne (Rod) De Weerd; sister-in-law, Carol Van't Hul; and in-laws: Alan Vander Meulen, Sylvia Humme, Wilma Humme and Donna Humme.

Harlan was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Gertrude; two brothers: Lawrence (Maxine) Van't Hul and Junior Van't Hul; three sisters: Dorothy (George) Van Beek, Albertha (Louis) Altena, and Geraldine (Norm) Vande Vegte; brother-in-law, Marv Vande Kamp; and two sisters at a young age. Harlan was also preceded in death by Mary's parents, Arnold and Kate (Vos) Humme, three brothers-in-law: John, Pete and Jim Humme, and two sisters-in-law: Nelverne (Ted) Marra, and Norma Vander Meulen.

May the challenges that Harlan endured and the courage he showed drive each one of us to press on.

In Loving Memory
Harlan Jay Van't Hul
January 15, 1942 ~ December 24, 2022

FUNERAL SERVICE
10:00 AM, Thursday, December 29, 2022
First Christian Reformed Church
Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING
Rev. Matthew Haan

PIANIST
Carisa Maassen

SPECIAL MUSIC
"The Anchor Holds"
Tricia Mulder & Darren Van't Hul

"It Is Well"
James Vanden Bos, Mike Baartman,
Leonard Hoekstra, Evan Vanden Bosch

"Press On"
Rachelle & James Vanden Bos

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS
"Blessed Assurance"
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

PALLBEARERS
Tyler Van't Hul ~ Brandon Van't Hul
Lucas Van't Hul ~ Carter Vanden Bos
Levi Vanden Bos ~ Alex Sykora ~ Colton Van Otterloo

INTERMENT
Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

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



*A glimpse of God's glory
revealed and shared
with us Christmas morning
over the land that Harlan
farmed and loved.*

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

Psalm 19:1