

Fred Vlastuin was born April 10, 1931, on a farm near Doon, IA, to John and Elizabeth (Van Grootheest) Vlastuin. He was the 4th of 7 children. Fred attended a one room country school, graduating from the 8th grade. He worked at home as a farm hand and for other farmers. On June 20, 1951, he married Ann Vander Boon. Soon after he entered the US Ar-

my and served his country until August 8, 1953. Fred served most of his time in Korea. After returning home, they bought a feed grinding business in Alvord, IA. After six years they started farming near Doon. In 1976 he started working at Kooima Machine Company in Rock Valley, IA where he worked for 20 years. In 1992 they moved to Rock Valley.

God blessed Fred and Ann with 8 children and 23 grand-children. They loved spending time visiting family and friends and traveling to see those far away. He also enjoyed coffee time with "the guys".

He was a longtime member of Grace Community Church and joyfully attended all the worship services and Bible studies, helping whenever he could, until dementia no longer allowed it. He moved into Whispering Heights Nursing Home in June 2017. Fred died Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at Whispering Heights at the age of 91.

Fred is survived by his wife of almost 71 years, Ann; 7 children, John (Helen) Vlastuin of Rock Valley, Eleanor (Greg) Vande Stouwe of Lansing KS, Don (Paulita) Vlastuin of Farmington AR, Doug (Sheila) Vlastuin of Rogers, AR, Tom (Shelly) Vlastuin of Garfield, AR, Dave (Danielle) Vlastuin of River Falls, WI, Bev (Kevin) Plantenberg of Dakota Dunes, SD; Siblings, Tillie Blom, Elmer Vlastuin, and Nettie (John) Van Surksum; sisters-in-law, Emma Vlastuin and Ramona Vlastuin; 23 grandchildren; 57 greatgrandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Fred was preceded in death by 1 son, Marvin Vlastuin; an infant grandson; great-grandson, Timothy Vlastuin; his parents; 3 siblings, Henrietta (Albert) DeBruin, Gerrit Vlastuin, and Henry Vlastuin; and sister-in-law, Cornelia Vlastuin.

In Loving Memory Fred Vlastuin

April 10, 1931 ~ June 15, 2022

FUNERAL SERVICE

1:00 PM, Tuesday, June 21, 2022 Porter Funeral Home Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Joe Terrell Grace Community Church

ORGANIST

Bonnie Terrell

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Go Rest High On That Mountain" Jeff Vlastuin, soloist

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"The Highest Ground"
"I Know Whom I Have Believed"
"Sitting At The Feet of Jesus"
"All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus"

PALLBEARERS

Ben Vande Hoef ~ Waylon Vande Hoef James Vlastuin ~ Jason Vlastuin Corey Vlastuin ~ Austin Vlastuin

INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery Rock Valley, Iowa

Fred's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship at The Lighthouse (1510 14th Street, Rock Valley) following the committal service at the cemetery.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made Heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out And thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 121



