

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____

Senator Van Bilet

Base Bastian - Represented Keokuk, Mahaska, Iowa, Monroe, Lucas, Marion, Poweshiek and Warren Counties Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 April 1911

Marion County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Harriet DeBruin

26 Nov 1937 near Oskeola, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities

Lions Club; Chamber of Commerce; Habitat for Humanity; Farm Bureau; Mutual Community Services

C. Profession

Farmer

4. Church membership

Christian Reformed

5. Sessions served

61st 62nd 63rd 64th 65th 66th 67th 68th General Assemblies

6. Public Offices

1965, 1967, 1969-1970, 1971-1973, 1973-1974, 1975-1976, 1977-1978, 1979-1980, 1981-1982, 1983-1984.

A. Local

Arms on Mahaska County Homeowner's Health Aid Service Board; Health

B. State

Senate Democratic Whip in the 65th General Assembly; assistant majority leader in the 66th Iowa Assembly; member of the Iowa State Board of Rights

C. National _____

7. Death

2 Nov 1996 Oskeola, Iowa, Howard Street Cemetery, Oskeola, Iowa

8. Children

Deanne (Mrs. Dean Van Hyngarden); Kenneth;

Carl; Mark; Elaine (Mrs. Jerry Van Dyke); Julian (Mrs. Jack

9. Names of parents

Vanderhede Peter and Nellie (Klein) Van Bilet

10. Education He was educated in a one room school near Pellissippi.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- In 1932 he moved to Meigs County, Tenn
- After marriage he and his wife farmed southeast of Meigs County until 1988 when they moved to Oshkossa.

Tax break given green light for local industries

By GENE MURPHY
The Oskaloosa Herald

New or expanding industries should have their taxes reduced for 10 years instead of five, the city council voted Monday night.

The council voted 7-0 to have a 10-year tax abatement program for new construction or additions to existing industrial real estate.

Officials said businesses looking to locate here often say they can get 10-year tax abatement from other cities.

The expanded program would cut property taxes by 80 percent the first year. The reduction decreases in succeeding years, down to 20 percent in the 10th year.

Businesses would pay the full property tax beginning in the 11th year.

An ordinance outlining the program and areas it would apply to will be drawn up by city staff and brought to the council for action.

The council awarded a contract for \$1.36 million in sewer plant improvements to Wendler Engineering and Construction of South Amana. Their bid was the lowest of three submitted.

Most of the money will come from a loan from the state. The improvements are required to meet higher standards for ammonia removal and to upgrade deteriorating facilities, officials said.

In other action at the council meeting:

- Mayor Norman Zimmerman read a proclamation congratulating the Oskaloosa High School football team and coaches on winning the state Class 3A championship.

- The council approved a change order of \$417 for the library construction project. The project remains within budget.

- The council voted \$418 to aid five Iowa cities in a court battle over pension funds. City Attorney Randy DeGeest said the outcome of the case could have an impact on Oskaloosa.

Longtime legislator Van Gilst dies

Bass Van Gilst, a 20-year state senator from Oskaloosa and former Iowa Board of Regents member, died Monday in his home.

Van Gilst, 85, remained active in many civic and community organizations after leaving the legislature in 1984. He was remembered as a father who passed on the lesson of involvement to his children.

"As we mourn our father's death we are thankful for the leadership he has mentored for us through his life and most of all for teaching us the importance of serving Christ in our communities," said his daughter, Diane Van Wyngarden.

Van Gilst served in the Iowa Senate from 1964 to 1984. He then served four years on the Iowa State Board of Regents.

Van Gilst was diagnosed with cancer early this year, son Ken Van Gilst said. The family was thankful he did not have to suffer at the end.



Bass Van Gilst

"At this point it was an answer to our prayers," he said.

"He said he had no regrets and he was ready to go," said Ken Van Gilst.

Lifelong farmer

A lifelong farmer, Van Gilst also enjoyed traveling and volunteering for many local organizations. Those included the Oskaloosa Lions Club, Christian School Board, Mahaska County Farm Bureau, Oskaloosa Area Chamber of Commerce, Mahaska County YMCA, Mahaska County Historical Society, ISU Extension Council, Hospice of Mahaska County, Lake Red Rock Association and Mahaska County Habitat for Humanity.

He was an active member of the Cedar Christian Reformed Church.

Funeral service will be

1:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa, with the Rev. Mark Van Gilst officiating. A family prayer service will be 1:15 p.m. Wednesday in the church basement. Interment will be in the Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa.

Visitation will be all day today at Bates Funeral Chapel, with family present from 6:30 to 8 tonight at the funeral chapel.

Van Gilst was born on April 14, 1911, in Marion County to Peter and Nellie Klein Van Gilst. In 1932, he moved to Mahaska County. He married Harriet DeBruin near Oskaloosa on Nov. 26, 1937. They farmed in southeast Mahaska County until 1988 when they moved to Oskaloosa.

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VAN GILST

Survivors include his wife, Harriet Van Gilst, of Oskaloosa; three sons and their wives: Ken and Gerri Van Gilst of Oskaloosa, Carl and Shirley Van Gilst of Goshen, Ind., and Mark and Lola Van Gilst of Newark, Del.; three daughters and their husbands: Elaine and Jerry Van Wyk of Pella, Diane and Dean Van Wyngarden of Oskaloosa and Joleen and Fred Vanderheide of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada;

24 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; three sisters and their husbands: Cornelia and Henry Van Veldhuizen and Anna and Ernest De Bruin, all of Oskaloosa, and Ada and Gysbert Rozenboom of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and a sister-in-law, Mary Van Gilst, of Oskaloosa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, William Van Gilst; and a daughter-in-law, Joyce Van Gilst.

CONTRACT

Teachers plan to bring back several items in contract language that fell by the wayside last year in the struggle over money.

An item brushed aside last year was language to protect teachers from having to perform some tasks for which they are not qualified, such as administering medication or searching for bombs; legal and financial protection from the school district for teachers involved in lawsuits resulting from performing their jobs; and protection from working in unsafe conditions.

Burrow said, "There have been a number of incidents that have occurred within the district ... that make it an issue."

Burrow said maintaining student discipline is an issue teachers bring up "time and time again" when asked what issues concern them most.

"The type of student and the attitude of parents to disciplining has changed dramatically," Burrow said.

Sometimes teachers must be permitted to remove pupils from the classroom, and they want board backing on their actions, according to proposed contract language.

Teachers also want access to students' files when they move into the district or into a new building.

"the employee cannot be expected to assume the ongoing responsibility for psychotherapy," according to proposed contract language. Social workers, doctors or counselors must be called in when the situation warrants, Burrow said.

Teachers also want the school district to consider job sharing, where two or more employees cover one position.

All job-sharing teachers would be present at parent-teacher conferences, the proposed contract specifies.

Teachers also want the district to investigate joining an employee assistance program such as the one offered through the Oskaloosa Area Chamber & Development Group. The cost would be \$18 per employee per year.

The program would provide confidential assistance to employees on problems ranging from substance abuse counseling to locating child care.

As for salary increase, teachers are asking for an increase of \$1,150 over this year's base, a total of \$23,000 for the base salary.

They also brought back the issue of longevity pay, to provide 1-percent annual pay increases for experienced teachers who have continued taking teacher training beyond a bachelor of arts degrees.

The school district and OEA will return to the bargaining table at 4 p.m. Dec. 16, when the school district will present

Obituary

GYSBERT BEEKHUIZEN

Gysbert Beekhuizen, 95, of Oskaloosa, died Sun the Pleasant Park Estates in Oskaloosa.

Service will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the First formed Church in Oskaloosa, the Rev. Robert Timm. A private family interment will be held in For Oskaloosa. Visitation begins 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa, was sent Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials: Oskaloosa School and Christian Opportunity Center.

He was born March 7, 1901, in Gelderland, The Netherlands, to Gysbert and Altje Teichen Beekhuizen Sr. In 1927, he married Jenn Pella. They lived in Denver, Colo., from 1932 to 1944, moved back to Tracy. In 1944, they moved to Leig farmed. In 1958, they moved to Oskaloosa. He was the First Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa.

Survivors include his wife: Jennie of Oskaloosa their wives: Gilbert and Trudy Beekhuizen and G Ann Beekhuizen, all of Denver, Colo.; four daughters: Jeanette and Marvin DeBruin of Oskaloosa and John DeVries of Pella, Jeane and John TeBri Minn., and Betty and Fred Huiskens of Edgerton and 65 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Beekhuizen and Gerrit Beekhuizen; two sisters: Hendrika Enkhof; and a niece: Minnie Kle

Around Iowa

Republicans lower expectations for all-day caucus

DES MOINES (AP) — Newly elected GOP legislative leaders are lowering expectations that sweeping agreements will be reached during today's all-day private meeting aimed at shaping an agenda for the next session.

"We won't come out of there with a lot of details," House Majority Leader Brent Siegrist, R-Council Bluffs, said. "We'll probably come out of the caucus with very few details."

With the Legislature now in Republican hands for the first time in 14 years, House and Senate leaders scheduled a planning session to begin sketching out an agenda for the session that begins Jan. 13.

House and Senate Republicans will meet separately for four hours, then together for four hours and cap it off with a brief meeting with GOP Gov. Terry Branstad.

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Van Gilst named to Regents post

By DEWEY KNUDSON
Register Staff Writer

State Senator Bass Van Gilst, a member of the Iowa Legislature for two decades who earlier announced plans to step down this year, was named Monday to a seat on the state Board of Regents.



BASS VAN GILST

The Oskaloosa Democrat was selected to fill the unexpired term of Tim Neville of Red Oak, who resigned the Regents post because he is moving out of state.

Van Gilst is a former chairman of the Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees the Regents' budget requests, and now is vice chairman of that panel.

A 73-year-old farmer, he was first elected to a four-year Senate term in 1964 and has been re-elected four times since then.

In the 70th General Assembly, Van Gilst was chairman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and vice chairman of the Agriculture Committee.

His term on the Regents runs through April 30, 1989, and his appointment is subject to confirmation by the Senate next year.

Van Gilst said he will resign his Senate seat immediately to assume his seat on the Board of Regents, which oversees the three state universities, the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton.

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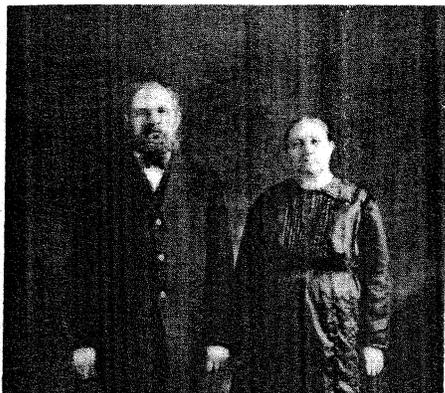
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Devender, Charles Edward Patterson (August 11, 1871-June 9, 1948) and Bertha May Schrock (October 8, 1879-December 29, 1963) married in Waterloo where he was a contractor. They moved to Minnesota in 1913, where he continued building and started a grocery business. The Schrocks of Waterloo, Iowa were of Pennsylvania Dutch heritage.

by Beverly Van Devender

VAN GILST, BASS

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Bastian and Tanneka Van Gilst.



Back Row L-R: Kenneth, Mark, Carl. Middle Row L-R: Diane, Joleen. Front Row L-R: Elaine, Harriet, Bass.

The oldest of their eight children, Peter (1886-1966), worked off the farm to supplement their income. In 1903 he was receiving a tidy income by buying coal from a nearby

shoes and custom meat curing and smoking. William and Cornelia are buried at Graceland Cemetery, Marion County. Peter and Nellie Van Gilst had five children: Bastian (1911), Cornelia (Mrs. Henry Van Veldhuizen, 1913), William (1915), and twin daughters, Anna (Mrs. Ernest De Bruin) and Ada (Mrs. Gysbert Rozenboom, 1918). Their farm was near the South Skunk River, where the boys gathered for fishing and swimming. All five children attended a one room school.

The Great Depression forced the Van Gilsts off their farm, and 1932 found them on a farm in Spring Creek Township, part of which is now Lake Keomah State Park. Nearby woods proved good for coon hunting, firewood, and mushroom gathering. Anna and Ada attended Buckeye School. When that farm was sold in 1935, the family moved once again—this time to the D.K. Unsicker farm near Wright in Cedar Township. Much of this land is still being farmed by family members today. Peter and Nellie are buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

Bass married Harriet De Bruin (1914), the daughter of J.M. and Anna (Mepplink) De Bruin, in 1937. Harriet's ancestors had also immigrated from the Netherlands in the 1800's and purchased land from the government in Black Oak Township.

Bass and Harriet's first farm home was a three room house without electricity. Bass installed a wind charger which generated enough power to operate a radio and one light bulb in each room. They are charter members of the Christian Reformed Church of Cedar, which was organized in 1941. Bass has served as elder and deacon, and all of the family have been active members. In 1964, Bass was elected to the Iowa Senate, where he is currently serving his 5th 4-year term as State Senator. Bass and Harriet's six children all attended the Unsicker Memorial School, a two-room school in Wright; Pella Christian High School; as well as various colleges.

Kenneth (1939) and his wife, Gerri (Van Wyk) have four children, Karen, Jaci, Joel, and Bryce, and are farming in Spring Creek,



Back Row L-R: Cornelia, William, Bass. Front Row L-R: Anna, Nellie, Peter, Ada.

The land of the wooden shoes is the mother country of the Van Gilst family as they trace their family tree back thirteen generations to Adam Van Gilst, 1636, the Netherlands. Pieter, 1665; Adam, 1686; Pieter, 1710; Willem, 1741; Pieter, 1766; Willem, 1793; Pieter, 1819.

Bastian Van Gilst (1858) set sail for America in 1893 with his wife, Tanneka (De Haan) and family. After living in Chicago a short while, they moved to Mahaska County near Leighton, where they started farming.

mine for 6¢ per bushel (80 pounds) and delivering it by team and wagon to town for 11¢ per bushel. Peter's sisters also helped the family income by working part time in Pella for \$2 per week. The family later moved to a farm north of Pella. Baastian and Tanneka are buried at the Black Oak Cemetery.

In 1910 Peter married Nellie Klein (1883-1975), who was born to William and Cornelia Klein just two years after they had immigrated from the Netherlands to Pella. William Klein's occupations were making wooden

Harrison, and Cedar Townships. Carl (1940) and his wife, Shirley (Reigsecker) have reared their children, Dale, Don, Deby, Daryl, Scott, and Brenda in Goshen, Indiana, where Carl is an agricultural engineer. Elaine (1943) married Jerry Van Wyk of Pella, where they and their children, Curt, Joni, and Jill, farm. Mark (1947) is the headmaster of an elementary-secondary school in Wilmington, Delaware. Mark and his wife, Lola (Sharp) have four children, Amy, Tonya, Heidi, and Michael. Diane (1954) and her husband, Dean Van Wyngarden, live in the town of Wright with their sons, Cameron and Douglas, and farm in nearby Mahaska County townships. Joleen (1957) and her husband, Fred Vanderheide, live in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada with their daughter, Sonya.

The Van Gilst's love for the Iowa land and farm animals has continued these ninety years, with agriculture and agri related industry still their primary occupations.

by Bass Van Gilst

VAN GORP, DIRK FAMILY

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Dirk Van Gorp was the son of William Van Gorp and Jannetje Van Gorp, born October 11, 1871 in Zuid Bijerland Netherland, the second child, seven more brothers and sister, one, comprised this family. Dirk passed away on August 15, 1964.

Dirk ventured to America alone at the age of 19 in early 1890 to Pella, Iowa, where some uncles, brothers of his father, who had arrived earlier in America with whom he came to reside.

After the rest of the family arrived a few months later his brother, Jacob and sister, Anna set up housekeeping and rented a farm in Richland township, Mahaska County in the Lower Grove area. All went well, Dirk became an American citizen a few years later.

Three years later on Declaration Day May 30, 1893 a family by the name of Pieter Rus, Jr. his wife, Aletta Vander Heuvel Rus and seven children, six boys and one girl, arrived at Ellis Island New York, then to Hoboken, New Jersey on to Paterson, New Jersey where there was a Holland settlement. The father and only daughter Cornelia found employment in a shirt factory. This was not Pieter Russ Amustion. He knew people in Pella, Iowa, wrote them and they answered "Come on over".

Mr. Rus brought with him from the Netherlands, \$10,000.00 in American money so he wasn't in Pella too long before he began looking for a large farm for his six boys. Peter Gaas, Pella lawyer knew of a farm for sale and by December 22, 1893 he bought the farm from H.C. Lindley in Mahaska County, Richland township in the Lower Grove Area. Here he lived for many years till the boys were on their own, he sold the farm to son, Jacob, Pieter and Aletta moved to Pella, Iowa to retire.

Pieter and Aletta Rus only daughter, Cornelia "Nelly", a beautiful woman, 25 years old by now, met Dirk Van Gorp, a farmer, 30 years old. They were married March 13, 1901. Later Dirk bought a farm December 14, 1905 from Lora J. and William L. Lawrence Estate. Then in 1915 he bought

more land from the Akinson Estate, but this was after the family returned from Kansas where they had moved in 1910 for a daughter's health but to no avail. The family was now five children; Janet, Allie, Minnie, Peter and Cora born in Kansas returned to Iowa and Dirk bought a farm three miles south of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Dirk and Nellie added two more children to the family, Wilma and Donald, totaling seven children.

The elder children finished Greeley Country School. Two years later, Janet now decided she wanted more education and enrolled at Penn College and took a two-year commercial course which was of use to her the rest of her life. After taking the full course she went to work at Vander Voort's Grocery Store as cashier and then to Way's Studio. Her parents moved to Pella during this time. She followed and found employment as clerk and cashier at the Rex-All Drug Store.

P.H. Van Gorp who owned the Garden City Feed Works asked if she was interested in working there as bookkeeper and secretary, she accepted and received \$10.00 a month.

Still also helping her dad out, he sent her to Van Gorp Tire Shop to have a flat tire fixed, here she met the owner, Marian. See Marian Van Gorp, Sr. and Janet W. Van Gorp story.

Dirk and Cornelia moved back to the Peoria farm in 1934. They had many tough years but also many good ones.

Their son, Donald, was called to the service in August of 1943, so in 1944 they moved to Pella to retire where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1951.

Cornelia was born September 28, 1876 in Haarlemmermeer, North Holland and died May 7, 1954.

by Janet W. Van Gorp

VAN GORP, MARIAN, SR. AND JANET W.

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Marian Van Gorp, Sr. and Janet W. Van Gorp, 55 years Sept. 1978.

Marian Van Gorp, Sr. eldest son of Cornelius J. Van Gorp and Marie Elizabeth Van Houwelgen Van Gorp was born September 8, 1898, in Pella, Iowa. Later moved to farm

with his parents in Mahaska County east of Pella where he farmed with his parents. At 17 years he went to Kansas City, MO to mechanics school and took a course in Auto repair and body work of rebuilding. Came back to Pella and in 1919 at age of 21 years opened a repair shop, selling and repairing tires, cars and building car bodies.

He joined the Chamber of Commerce in 1919 when being organized. He became a charter member and now is the only member living. Also became a volunteer fireman. Served the City of Pella for 45 years, on the department, also the longest so far.

During the years 1921-22 a young lady named Janet Van Gorp new to Pella community came to the Van Gorp Tire Shop to have a tire repaired for her Dad's Overland, the acquaintance flourished, the story is as follows: Janet W. Van Gorp born June 10, 1902 at 9:30 am on a rainy Wednesday morning the first born to Dirk W. Van Gorp and Cornelia P. Rus Van Gorp of Peoria, Iowa. Married Marian Van Gorp, September 1st, 1923 by Rev. John J. DeHaan in the Parsonage of the 1st Christian Reformed Church witnessed by John Gys and Cora Mae Van Gorp. After a two-week honeymoon trip to Colorado they set up housekeeping in Pella. They became joint partners in self-employed various businesses.

Janet was a Penn College graduate from the commercial division, after marriage she kept company books and collectors of past due accounts for other firms. They rented homes until 1925 when they bought a small home and remodeled it. They sold it in 1926 and built a bungalow on East 1st St.

1928-Trip to Yellowstone Park in Wyoming.

1931-Sold the new home and bought seven acres at end of East Franklyn St. just outside of the city limits. Brought the dogs from Janet's Dad's farm and started Van Kennels in earnest with 15 different breeds.

1933-Marian, Jr. was born at home December 11, a cold snowy day at 9:20 p.m. weighing 9 lbs.

The next five years were busy in dog raising and Dark Ranch Mink had been added.

1939-Dirk Wayne was born July 5, 11:20 a.m. Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa a hot sultry day.

1940-Marian sold the Tire Shop April 20, his Dad who had been his helper since 1922, retired and Marian devoted full time to dogs and Mink. Did work for R.E.A. putting up some electric light lines for that summer. In between time butchered horses and cows for dog and mink feed, kept on enlarging dog business. Remodeled the home, put on large back enclosed porch, enlarged living room and put an apartment in the basement.

1948-Celebrated our 25th Wedding Anniversary.

1949-50-No vacation for 22 years, we decided to go to Florida with two lively boys in a station wagon, left on ice and snow December 19, returned January 23, 1950 with sand in our toes. It had been 90 degrees at Key West.

1950-Janet elected President of Iowa State Amet Auxiliary Convention was sent to Boston, Mass. as a Delegate and Flag Bearer at National Convention.

1951-Marian, Jr. married Helen Coville September 28. Helen was born in Oskaloosa, May 24, 1933. Both worked at Morrells in Ottumwa. Janet had a thyroid operation.



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Name of Deceased:	Harriet Van Gilst
Gender:	F (Female)
Age at Death:	95
Death Date:	30 Jun 2009
Death Place:	Oskaloosa
Obituary Date:	2 Jul 2009
Newspaper Title:	Oskaloosa Herald, The
Newspaper Location:	Oskaloosa, IA, USA
Birth Date:	10 Jun 1914
Birth Place:	Oskaloosa
Residence (at time of death):	Oskaloosa
Spouse's Name:	Bass Van Gilst
Parents' Names:	Bass Van Gilst ; Jacob and Anna Meppelink Debruin; Oskaloosa
Childrens' Names:	Amy Fowler, Tonya and Jason Cole, Heidi and Bob Campbell, and Michael; Diane and Dean Van Wyngarden, of Oskaloosa; Cameron and Cheri, Doug and Kim, Adam and Kate, and Lynnette; Curt and Wendy, Joan and Dave Davidson, and Jill and David Hekman; Dale and Pam Riegsecker, Donald Riegsecker, Debra and Kerm Garben, Darryl Riegsecker, Scott and Phyllis, and Brenda Jones; Elaine and Jerry Van Wyk, of Pella; Karen and Henry Doorn, Jaci and Andy David, Joel and Lisa, and Bryce; Carl and Shirley Van Gilst, of Goshen, Ind; Sonya, Steve, and Emily
Siblings' Names:	Anna Debruin, of Oskaloosa, and Ada and Gys Rozenboom, of Grand Rapids, Mich. Besides Her Husband, Harriet; Ernest and Calvin Debruin; Helen Veldhuizen, of Oskaloosa, Ray and Evadana Debruin, of University Park, Nadine Stek, of Grand Rapids, Mich, Marvin and Jeanette Debruin, of Oskaloosa, Evelyn and Thaymer Jonker, of Oak Lawn, Ill; Mary Van Gilst and Lorena Plate
Number of Grandchildren:	24
Number of Great-grandchildren:	24
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