



Pieter Jan Vanderlaan

April 7, 1938 - August 18, 2026

Sioux City, Iowa

Pieter Jan Vanderlaan died in Sioux City on August 18, 2026. He was 88. Born on April 7, 1938, raised among Dutch-American manners that never needed a speech. He learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

He watched bin temperatures like a doctor watches fever. Dust and numbers shared his days; farmers trusted his chalk marks more than rumor. Colleagues still mention a chalkboard of bin temperatures.

He married Greta in 1961. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised three sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Greta died in 2019, he kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember a wave from the driveway that meant you were seen. He liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. He died in Sioux City, among streets he never needed to explain. The tools are still hung where a hand can find them in the dark.

Services

A memorial gathering in Sioux City with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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