

Rachel L. Van Ersvelde, 87

Mrs. Rachel L. Van Ersvelde, 87, of Brooklyn, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at the Brookhaven Community Estates, Brooklyn.

Funeral services for Mrs. Van Ersvelde were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25 at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. Rev. Richard Okumu, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Brooklyn, officiated. The musician was Marilyn Kriegel, and a special selection was "Amazing Grace." Honorary casket-bearers were Diane Van Ersvelde, Roxanne Van Ersvelde, Julie McLain, April Burnham and Janet Gideon. Casket-bearers were Kent Van Ersvelde, Todd Van Ersvelde, Troy Van Ersvelde, Brett Van Ersvelde, Dean Lacaeyse and Tom Van Ersvelde. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

Rachel Louise (DeCreane) Van Ersvelde was born Dec. 10, 1915 in East Moline, Ill. Her parents were Fred DeCreane and Augusta (Van Zuyt) DeCreane. Rachel lived all of her life in the

Brooklyn area. She received her education in a rural school and the Malcom school. On June 25, 1938, Rachel married Raymond Arnold Van Ersvelde at St. Patrick's Church in Brooklyn. They farmed many years, and in 1987 they moved into Brooklyn. Mr. Van Ersvelde died March 9, 1991. In recent years, she has been a resident of Brooklyn Community Estates.

Mrs. Van Ersvelde was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the Altar and Rosary Society. She enjoyed her farm, her chickens and quilting.

Surviving are her three sons and their wives, Freddie and Janice Van Ersvelde of Grinnell, Jimmy and Janet Van Ersvelde of Montezuma, and Jerry and Marabeth Van Ersvelde of Grinnell; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Her parents; her husband; a daughter, Betty; and a grandson, Mike Van Ersvelde, preceded her in death.

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Rachel Louise DeCreane Van Ersvelde was born Dec. 10, 1915, in East Moline, Ill., to Fred and Augusta Van Zuyt DeCreane. She had lived in the Brooklyn area throughout all her life, attending a rural school and the Malcom School. She was married on June 25, 1938, to Raymond Arnold Van Ersvelde in St. Patrick's Church in Brooklyn. They farmed for many years, moving into Brooklyn in 1987. In recent years she has been a resident of Brooklyn Community Estates.

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She is survived by three sons, Freddie Van Ersvelde and Jerry Van Ersvelde of Grinnell, and Jimmy Van Ersvelde of Montezuma; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter Betty and one grandson Mike Van Ersvelde.

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