

Obituaries

Irene Ver Ploeg, 81, of Pella

Irene Elscott was the sixth child born to John and Maggie Brand Elscott. She was born on February 16, 1927, near Taintor, Iowa. Irene attended the Case Country Grade School and completed the eighth grade. She worked in the homes of various families



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doing house-keeping and other household duties. She also worked at the Overall Factory in Pella, Iowa at an early age. On October 10, 1950, she was united in marriage with Chadwick Lee Ver Ploeg at the First Reformed Church in Sully, Iowa. To this union five children were born: a son who died in infancy, Doyle Jay, Diane Sue, Darla Jean and Duane Dean. Following their marriage, Chadwick and Irene lived south of Sully until they purchased a farm northeast of Monroe, Iowa. They lived there until 1958 and then moved to the farm, which is now considered the family farm, southwest of Sully. They continued to farm there until 1975 and then built a new home west of Sully. In 1998 they moved into Pella. Irene was a devoted homemaker and enjoyed taking care of their home. She will be remembered for many things, but particularly for her special orange drink recipe and chocolate no-bake cookies. Mowing the lawn, putting puzzles together, writing poems about her family, and traveling to craft shows with her daughters were some of Irene's favorite pastimes. Her four children and their families were very important to her which was evident in the poems she wrote for them. In November of 2005, Irene became a resident at Jefferson Place in Pella, Iowa. Irene resided there until becoming a Hospice patient at the Hospice of Pella Comfort House. Irene passed away in the Peace Room there on Saturday afternoon, June 28, 2008, at the age of 81 years, 4 months and 12 days. Those who will cherish her memory are her husband of 57 years, Chadwick L. Ver Ploeg, their

four children and their spouses, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Doyle and Karna (Renaud) Ver Ploeg of Lynnville, Iowa. Kristen and Jeremy Van Donselaar, Courtney, Trisha, Leah and Bethany. Dustin and Angela Ver Ploeg and Isaac. Diane and Steve Vos of Pella, Iowa. Mark and Angela Vos, Kyra, Haley, Isabella and Claire. Michelle and Fred Sylvia. Darla and Ed Merwald of Marshalltown, Iowa. Michael Merwald, Melissa Merwald. Duane and Myrna (Everist) Ver Ploeg of Sully, Iowa. Kelsi Ver Ploeg, Jenna Ver Ploeg

Irene leaves her three sisters: Jennie (Harold) Geurts, Ellen (Francis) Van Zante and Grace (John) Renaud; her sister-in-law, Verna (Glen) Elscott all of Pella and her brother-in-law, James Renaud of Sully. Of her husband's family, Irene leaves the following brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Dick Jr. and Joyce Ver Ploeg of Sully and Wendell and Irma Ver Ploeg of West Bloomfield, Michigan. Irene was preceded in death by her infant son who died in 1951, her parents: John and Maggie Elscott; her parents-in-law: Dick and Agnes Van Rees Ver Ploeg; her two brothers: Elmer Elscott who died in 1974 and Glen Elscott who died in 1992; her sister: Gladys (James) Renaud who died in 2003 and her brothers-in-law: Harold Guerts, Francis Van Zante and John H. Renaud. Irene was a longtime member of First Reformed Church of Sully where she taught children's Sunday school for 13 years. She became a member of Third Reformed Church after they moved to Pella, Iowa. Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made at www.vandykduven.com

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Third Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa with Pastor Suzanne Vogel, officiating. Committal service was at Sully Cemetery in Sully, Iowa

For those desiring, memorials may be given for the Primary Sunday School Department of the First Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa or the Hospice of Pella Comfort House in Pella, Iowa.