Wilma Vos

Wilma (Jansen) Vos passed away in the early morning hours of Thursday, April 1, 2010, in Skilled Care at the Pella Regional Health Center in Pella, Iowa at the advanced age of 97 years.

Wilma had many titles during her life: daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother are a few. The most important one was a child of God.

After being born on January 20, 1913, north of Killduff, Iowa, one of seven children of Gerrit and Gertrude Rozema Jansen, she served as a loving wife to James Vos, a son of John A. and Jennie Dykstra Vos. They were married on July 15, 1932, at Sully, Iowa and to this union seven children were born: Lois Arlene, Kenneth Dale, Ronald James, Harry Lloyd, Linda Mae, Gerald Duane and Louise Etienen.

The children were raised on a farm near Sully until the Spring of 1965 when Wilma and Jim moved into Sully because of his declining health. Wilma worked at the Sully Locker and on March 19, 1976, James passed away at the age of 68 years.

Wilma moved to Pella the next year where she did cleaning in homes and at Fair Haven and was employed in the cafeteria at Central College. She resided at Prairie Village until becoming a resident at Hilltop Manor South and on May 1, 2007, became a resident in the Long Term Care Unit at the Pella Regional Health Center.

Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, James, her son Kenneth Vos on May 12, 1997 and her daughter, Lois Stallenga on November 24, 2003.

There are five remaining children surviving along with their spouses and 23 grandchildren. They and their families are: (Lois Vos) Wilmer A. Stallenga of Pella, Iowa, Bruce and Sandy Vos; (Kenneth Vos) Loren (Roorda Gosselin) Vos of Pella, Iowa, Debra and Lynn Elrod; (Ronald Vos) Dale and Connie Vos, Darwin and Faye Vos, Douglas and Christina Vos; (Kenneth Vos) Ronald and Lucille (Vande Vout) Vos of Pella, Iowa, Michael and Amy Vos; and Murray and Virginia Vos.

Wilma was preceded in death beside her husband, son and daughter by a daughter-in-law, Jean D. (Kenneth) Vos, a granddaughter, Audrey (Vos) Rindone, her parents, Gerrit and Gertrude Jansen; her parents-in-law, John A. and Jennie Vos; her sister and her husband, Minnie (Jansen) and Cecil Van Rees, and her four brothers and their wives: Henry G. Jansen, Jake Jansen and his wives: Adriana and Esther, Cornelius and Florence Jansen, Everett G. and Nellie Jansen.

Wilma baked wonderful pies and enjoyed raising flowers, in particular African violets.

She was a former member of the First Reformed Church in Sully, Iowa and at the time of her death was a member of the Trinity Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa where she enjoyed being a part of the quilting group.

God provided the necessary means Wilma needed for life and no more and her fulfillment in life was that each of her children and their children’s children would experience the same.

For those desiring memorials may be given for the Long Term Care Unit at the Pella Regional Health Center or the Christian Opportunity Center.