

Norma Renaud



Norma Renaud, 86, formerly of Sully, died Friday, Sept. 2, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services for Norma Renaud were held Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home in Pella, with burial in the Sully Cemetery.

She was born March 16, 1919, near Attica, Iowa, the youngest of six children born to Isaac J. and Ethel Curtis Roorda. The family moved to Knoxville after her mother's death when she was 2 1/2, then to Osceola, where she started school and later to Norwoodville, north of Des Moines. When she was nine, her father was killed by a team of runaway horses; she and three brothers lived for a short time with their older sister, Dorothy, before going to live with their father's brother in Lynnville. She attended Lynnville Junction School and finished eighth grade as valedictorian at Lynnville Consolidated School in 1932. She went on to work for farm families in the area.

On Sept. 27, 1939, she married Deverne Renaud at the community church parsonage in Sully. The couple had seven children and spent their married life farming near Sully, Lynnville and Grinnell.

After her husband's death in 1967, she worked as a cook in the Lynnville-Sully Community Schools.

She busied herself in her retirement with sewing, counted cross-stitch and ceramics. She also enjoyed cooking and canning.

She is survived by her children, Larry Renaud of Ames, Carolyn Durr of Colo, Jerry Renaud of Grinnell, Isaac Renaud of Show Low, Ariz., Randall Renaud of Altoona and Marlys Hagen of Anchorage, Alaska, and their families; the family of her deceased daughter, Marilyn Vande Voort; and a number of in-laws. She was preceded in death by her husband; her daughter; her parents; and her siblings, Dorothy Glover and Donald, Glenn, Corwin and Willis Roorda.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or a hospice of the donor's choice.

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