

Elizabeth Poortinga, 86, Pella

Elizabeth J. Poortinga, 86 of Pella passed away April 10, 2006. Funeral services were held April 13, at the Third Reformed Church chapel in Pella. Memorials can be given to the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation. Interment was held at Oakwood Cemetery in Pella.



E. Poortinga

Elizabeth Van Schevikhoven Poortinga, daughter of John and Nellie Van Zee Van Schevikhoven, was born June 28, 1919, south of Pella.

On Oct. 15, 1941, Elizabeth was united in marriage with Marion Poortinga. To this union six children were born: Duane, Nancy, Melvin, Evelyn "Evie", Phyllis, and Sharon. The family lived on various farms in the Pella area. Marion passed away April 11, 1955.

Elizabeth made profession of faith in 1941 at the First Reformed Church in Pella. She was currently a member of the Third Reformed Church in Pella. She worked at the Pella Rolscreen Company for two years followed by doing janitor work for the Otley Reformed Church for three years, Third Reformed Church three years, and Hilltop Manor for 10 years.

On Aug. 18, 1964, Elizabeth married Gerrit Van Hulzen. Gerrit passed away November 23, 1971.

Elizabeth is survived by her children: Nancy and Clarence Spoelstra of Pella, Melvin and Karen Poortinga of Reasnor, Evie and Dale Baarda of Pella, Phyllis Ramer of Pella, and Sharon and Dave Steenhoek of Pella; daughter-in-law: Fran Poortinga of Pella; three step-children: Nelson Van Hulzen of Knoxville, Judy and Mike Savord of Arizona, and Elaine and Kurt Funk of Minnesota; 14 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and her sister: Martha Ward of Pella.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands; her son: Duane Poortinga; step-son: David Van Hulzen; and sister, Evalena, who died as an infant.

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