Janet Shade of Michigan

A committal service was held for Janet Shade on March 11, 2006, at Peoria Cemetery. The memorial service was held at the Faith Christian Reformed Church in Pella on March 11. Memorials can be given to the Delaware County Christian School.

This is an account of her life in her own words:

Janet Margaret DeJong Shade was born on Feb. 9, 1918, to Martin DeJong and Lena Vander Schaaf DeJong near Peoria. On Feb. 25, 1920, her father went to be with the Lord after a short illness. She and her mother went to live with her grandparents, the Vander Schaafs. In June of that year, her brother Martin was born. They both grew up in the Vander Schaaf home. When she was five, Janet entered Peoria Christian School. Two years later the family moved to Pella and then she attended Pella Christian School. After graduating from the eighth grade, Janet attended Pella High School and graduated from the Normal Training Department. She was too young to teach, so she attended Central College as a part-time student and also worked in the local variety store. Her first teaching position was at North Porterville Country School. After two years, she went to Peoria Christian School, where she taught kindergarten through fourth grades for three years. She then returned to Central College for a year and studied at Parsons Business College in Kalamazoo, Michigan, for a summer. She accepted a position at Pella Christian High School to teach business courses for the next three years. In 1946, Jim Shade came into her life. They were married on June 17, 1947. They made their first home in Springfield, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. The Lord blessed them with a son, James Martin, in 1949. They lived in Pennsylvania for 33 years until Jim retired from banking at the Philadelphia National Bank. They came to Pella for their retirement in 1980. In June of 1999, Janet moved to Raybrook Manor in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to be near her son Jim and his wife Marsha and their three sons, Jason, Michael, and Paul. Janet is survived by her sisters-in-law, Minnie (Martin) DeJong of Pella, and Dorothy (William) Shade of North Carolina. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Martin DeJong, and brother-in-law, William Shade.