

Vera Van Gorp, 95, Pella

Vera Van Gorp, 95, of Pella passed away April 10, 2006. Memorial services were held April 12, at the First Baptist Church in Pella. A committal service was held at Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Memorials can be given to the First Baptist Church or Hospice of Pella.



V. Van Gorp

Vera Marie Sedrel was born on April 29, 1910, in Otley. She was the daughter of Sam and Clara Ona Clark Sedrel. Vera became a member of the Tracy United Methodist Church in 1922 and attended the Tracy High School in Tracy. In 1927, the family moved to Pella, where she graduated from Pella High School in 1927. The year 1937 was a significant year for Vera. She graduated from the Capitol Beauty School of Cosmetology in Des Moines, opened her beauty shop in Pella in October and became a member of the First Baptist Church in Pella.

On June 27, 1959, she was united in marriage with John Gysbert Van Gorp. They continued in the hatchery business with his son, Cornie, a business John had been associated with for over 55 years when he retired in 1984. Vera continued to operate her beauty shop until she retired in 1971 at which time Vera and John became residents at the Pella Manor.

Surviving is her step-son, Cornie Marion Van Gorp and his wife, Helen of Pella; two step-grandsons: Gerald T. Van Gorp of Bellevue, Nebraska and David Stults of Panama City, Florida; five step-great-grandchildren; five step-great-great-grandchildren; along with her nephews and nieces. Vera was preceded in death by her husband, John G. Van Gorp; her parents; and her brother, Verlin Sedrel and his wife, Isabelle.

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