Johanna Van Hemert, 104, of Pella passed away Aug. 7, 2005. Funeral services were held Aug. 10, at the First Reformed Church in Sully. Casket bearers were her great-grandsons and honorary bearers were her great-granddaughters. Interment was held at the Sully Cemetery. Memorials can be given to Hospice of Pella.

Johanna Van Der Pol was born Dec. 21, 1900 in Jasper County, near Sully. She was the fourth of seven children born to Gerrit and Hendrika Kruseman Van Der Pol. She attended Chester Country School through the eighth grade.

On Feb. 18, 1926, she was united in marriage to Cornelius Van Hemert. To this union two children were born, Gerald and Wayne. The couple farmed in the Killduff, Sully and Pella areas until Cornie passed away due to farming accident on Dec. 20, 1962. After his death, Johanna moved to Pella and ran the Laundry and Dry Cleaners. She was also helped with high school lunches and was a dining room helper at Fair Haven.


Johanna was the last remaining member of her original family. She was proceeded in death by her husband, Cornie Van Hemert, her par-