

Ethel Witzenburg, 94, Pella

Ethel Witzenburg, 94, of Pella passed away Jan. 28, 2006. Funeral services were held Feb. 1, at the Church of the Nazarene in Pella. Memorials can be given to the Church of the Nazarene in Pella.



Ethel Cecilia Sjolín, daughter of David and Cecilia Anderson Sjolín, was born Nov. 16, 1911, in Oakes, North Dakota. Ethel received her education at a country school in Oakes, North Dakota, completing the 8th grade, and attended Oakes High School for one year.

On March 29, 1934, she was united in marriage with Gerrit Witzenburg in Aberdeen, South Dakota. To this union six children were born: Gerald, Loren, Allen, Delwyn, Roger, and JoAnn.

Those left to cherish her memory are her five children and their spouses: Loren and Alma Witzenburg of

Pella, Allen and Doris Witzenburg of Newton, Delwyn and Rosemary Witzenburg of Knoxville, Roger and Brenda Witzenburg of Pella, and JoAnn and Anthony Numikhoven of Waukee; 14 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and 12 step-great-grandchildren; two sisters: Ruth Hill of Oakes, North Dakota, and Margaret Koopmans of Ankeny, Iowa; three sisters-in-law: Lovella Sjolín of Renton, Washington, Louise Sjolín of Camden, South Carolina, and Betty Witzenburg, of Fremont; one brother-in-law, Jim Witzenburg of Bellevue, Nebraska.

Those who preceded her in death are: her parents; her husband; her three-month old son, Gerald Allen; six brothers: Ernest, Elmer, Henry, Gus, Oscar, and Vernon Sjolín; five sisters-in-law: Edith Sjolín, Berniece Sjolín, Grace Witzenburg, Evalena Witzenburg, and Minnie Witzenburg; three brothers-in-law: Arnold, Dan, and Bob Witzenburg, Alvil Hill, and Gerald Koopmans; and a grandson, Doyle Witzenburg.