

Gertrude 'Trudy' Wehrle

Trudy Wehrle, 92, of Lynnville, went to be with the Lord Thursday evening, January 25, 2018, at the Mayflower Care Center in Grinnell. Funeral services were held at 10:00 am Monday, January 29, 2018, at the Taintor Community Church with Pastor David Pinkerton officiating. Burial was in the Sully Cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday, January 28, 2018, at the Taintor Community Church from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Grinnell Hospice Building Fund, Lynnville First Responders or a charity of your choice.



Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Gertrude "Trudy" Wehrle was born the eldest of 11 children on June 25, 1925, to Cornelius "Cornie" and Artje "Artie" (Van Maanen) Van Wyk. At an early age, Trudy worked to help support her family working as a waitress in Sully and Pella, where she met her husband, Raymond Wehrle. On September 1, 1949, they were married at the Taintor United Methodist Church and Trudy wore a wedding dress made from a silk parachute that Raymond brought back from the war while stationed in Japan. To this union two children were born, Marvin and Mary.

Raymond and Trudy lived, farmed and raised their family on the Wehrle family homestead west of Taintor. After 48 years, they moved to Lynnville. Trudy was a typical farmer's wife and very active helping Raymond on the farm. Faith and Family were very important to Trudy. She was an avid quilter and made hundreds of quilts over the years for family, friends and missions. Raymond and Trudy were faithful members of the Taintor United Methodist Church and they were instrumental in the building of the new Taintor Community Church. Trudy was very active in the church and taught Sunday School for over 40 years.

She is survived by her son and families, Marvin (Ellen) Wehrle; Jason (Melissa) Wehrle, Nicole and Brayden; Keith Wehrle; Cheinette Van Wyk, Dustin (Jennifer) Van Wyk; Trevor and Hunter; Derrick Van Wyk; Trinity, Jackson and Aubrey; Devon Van Wyk; Carly (Aaron) Braimah; Paige (Owayne) Stone; Alaina; Benjamin Van Wyk and Yana Van Wyk; Douglas (Renae) Gillam, Dakota, Cierra and Ryane; Jacqueline (Nick) Sklenar, Jackson, Nolan and Lena; Michael (Stephanie) Vogt, Penny; and Lu (Choua) Sayaxang. Trudy is also survived by her daughter and families, Mary (Jerry) Van Severen; Eric (Heather) Van Severen and Sophie, Emma, Josh and Lily; and Marc (Shelby) Van Severen and Tayler and Addison.

Also, Trudy is survived by one brother, Arvin (Anna Mae) Van Wyk; six sisters, June (Ron) Kramer, Joyce (Carl) DeGoe, Darlene (Haris) Vos, Helen (Verlan) Brand, Carolyn Vande Voort and Judy (Ed) VanKooten; two brothers-in-law, Eldred Van Gorp and Norman (Loretta) Wehrle; a sister-in-law, Lois Van Wyk; many other nieces and nephews.

Trudy was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law, Walter and Harriet Van Wyk, and an infant brother, Harvey Gene; a sister, Grace Van Gorp and a brother-in-law, Larry Vande Voort.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Mayflower Care Center for the wonderful care that they provided for Trudy for the last four years of her life. And a special thank you to the care givers in the South Village.

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