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**Willa DeBruin
Dieleman Bensink**
May 8, 1925 - June 19, 2018

Willa DeBruin Dieleman Bensink, 93 of Montezuma passed away peacefully Tuesday June 19, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Services were June 23, at First Presbyterian Evangelical Church, Montezuma. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Pella. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Evangelical Church.

Willa Mae Dieleman Bensink was born May 8, 1925 to a farming family, Cornie and Maria (Vander Hoek) DeBruin. She grew up near Leighton, with her sister and two brothers.

Upon graduating from Pella High school in 1941, Willa worked as a bookkeeper at Farmers Union Coop.

June 28, 1944, she was united in marriage to Willis J. Dieleman and they were blessed with three boys, Gail, Bruce and Randall.

After losing Willis in a tragic farm accident in 1963, Willa moved into Montezuma and began employment with the ASCS office. When that job was eliminated, Willa worked at the Montezuma State Bank, retiring after 31 years of service.

Willa was married to Elvin Bensink on February 8, 1975. Following Willa's retirement from the bank in 1995, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling, vacationing and helping Elvin with his woodworking hobby and attending craft shows. She also enjoyed chair caning and all kinds of stitchery. Willa was very proud of her yard and enjoyed taking care of her beautiful flower garden. She was a very faithful member of the First Presbyterian

Evangelical Church for 60 years where she was once a Trustee, the Christian Education Director and the Superintendent of Sunday School. Willa also served 28 years as the church treasurer.

Her memory will be honored by her children, Gail (Linda) Dieleman of Plymouth, MN, Bruce (Nancy) Dieleman of West Des Moines and Randy (Susan) Dieleman of Pella; two step children, Ronald (Danielle) Bensink of Dubuque and Rita (Larry) Cowell of Pleasant Hill; six grandchildren, Bryan (Karen) Dieleman, William Dieleman, Leticia (Jason) Montegna, Zachary Dieleman, Patrick Dieleman and AimeeMarie Dieleman; seven step grandchildren; five great grandchildren and many step great grandchildren; a brother, Orlo DeBruin of Albia and many other nieces nephews and friends.

Willa lost two husbands, Willis Dieleman on March 7, 1963 and Elvin Bensink on April 26, 2010; and a brother, Ronald DeBruin and a sister, Rosetta Blomeyer.