

## Esther Jansen, 89, Pella

Mrs. Esther Jansen, 89, of Pella passed away May 10, 2006. Funeral services were held May 13, at the Second Christian Reformed Church in Pella.

Interment was held at Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Memorials can be given to the Pella Christian High



E. Jansen School Endowment Fund or the Hospice of Pella Comfort House.

Esther Wichhart was born on May 5, 1917 at Pella. She was the ninth of 10 children that were born to the late William and Nellie Vos Wichhart. Esther attended country grade school near Pella.

On Sept. 11, 1937, she was united in marriage with Milton Arie Van Waardhuizen of Eddyville. They were married in Missouri and to this union four children were born: John William, Loretta Nell, Karen Diane and Charles Wayne. Esther and Milton lived all their married life in Pella. On Nov. 16, 1972, her husband Milton passed away at the age of 63 years. Following his death Esther moved to an apartment and met her neighbor across the street, Jake Jansen, who had also lost his spouse and they became closer friends mutually sharing their grief and growing together in friendship. On June 14, 1975, they were united in marriage at the home of Esther's son, John Van Waardhuizen, in Pella. Esther's family and Jake's six children: Joyce Gerlene, Roger Laverne, Edwin Eugene, Duane Allen, Beverly Jean and Bryce Dean, became a blended family.

Those who will cherish her memory are three children and their spouses, a daughter-in-law, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren: John W. Connie (Mol) Van Waardhuizen of Pella, Tricia and Chad Randall, Tanner, Brenn Randall, Shane and Sarah Van Waardhuizen; Loretta N. and Larry Jabaai of Indianapolis, Indiana, Lori and George Kirtley, Jordyn, Austin, Jackson Kirtley, Lisa and Brian Reimlinger, Lindsey, David, Courtney Reimlinger; Karen D. and Joe Kaldenberg of Pella, Jodi Rau, Brandon, Mara, Lilly, Lyndi, Lexia Rau, Eric Kaldenberg; Charles W.

and Frances (Terpstra) Van Waardhuizen of Farmington, Missouri, Kim and Walter Rector, Dallan, Tyler Rector, Kara and Chad Mills, Aaron Van Waardhuizen. Along with the following step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren: Joyce G. (Larry) Kooistra of Sully, Terri Kooistra, Matthew, Nichole Schuring, Bailey Kooistra, Scott Kooistra, Megan, Darik Kooistra; Roger L. and Jeanette (Verhoef) Jansen of Pella, Russ Jansen, Joshua Jansen, Mike and Leasa Jansen, Alyssa, Danielle, Zachary Jansen; Ed E. and Carol (Goodyk) Jansen of Pella, Jeff and Kim Jansen, Bailey, Gabe Jansen, Christy and Lucas Van Wyk, Troy Van Wyk; Duane A. and (Karen De Bruin) Jansen of Golden, Colorado, Lisa and Bill Thompson, Kelsey, Nathan Thompson, Tom and Molly Jansen, Rhys, Beckett Jansen; Beverly J. and Jim Tierney of Carroll, Lori and Jason Strunk, Luke, Lindsey Strunk, Jay and Kellie Westercamp, Jayden Westercamp; Bryce D. and Chris (Miller) Jansen of Stigler, Oklahoma, Abbie, Emily, Taylor Jansen.

Of her original family Esther leaves just one brother, Marion Wichhart of Pella.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Milton Van Waardhuizen and Jake Jansen; her son, John W. Van Waardhuizen who died in 1984 at the age of 45 years; two granddaughters: Michelle Lee Van Waardhuizen in 1976 at the age of 6 years and Leslie Denise Jabaai in 1984 at the age of 17 years; a stepson-in-law, Larry Kooistra on March 26, 2005 at the age of 70 years; a step-daughter in-law, Karen (Duane) Jansen on July 19, 2005 at the age of 55 years; and an infant step-great-granddaughter, Kristen Marie Kooistra. In addition to her parents, William and Nellie Wichhart, Esther was preceded in death by the following sisters and brothers and their spouses: Elizabeth and Dingeman Verros, Marie and Ed Keuning, Nellie and Peter Boerfijn, Wilma and Wm: Van Hal, Chris and Henrietta Wichhart, Adam and Jeanette Wichhart, Charles and Connie Wichhart and Catherine (Marion) Wichhart.

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