Wilma Sparks, 83, Newton

Wilma Sparks, 83, of Newton passed away April 30, 2006. Funeral services were held May 4, at the Pence-Reese Funeral Home in Newton. Burial was held at the Sully Cemetery. Memorials can be given to the Newton Christian School or Hospice of Jasper County Monarch Wing.

Wilma was born Aug. 25, 1922, in Sully to Lammert and Cornelia (Dieleman) Moes. She attended Sully Christian School.

She married Dick Jansan on Feb. 23, 1944, in Sully and later married Ed Sparks on July 4, 1949, in Nashua. She was a member of the Newton Christian Reformed Church.

She is survived by her husband Ed Sparks of Newton; a son, Edmund and Lydia Sparks of San Antonio, Texas; daughters, Donna and Joel Bruinsma of Sioux Center, and Rosemary Beed of Des Moines; six grandchildren: Dan, Jacki, Jason, Michael, Nicole and Chris; eight great-grandchildren: Taylor, Kody, Jaden, Tyler, Xavion, Kaitlyn, Mary and Anna; a brother, Don and Arlene Moes of Sully; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Evelyn (Mrs. Ralph) Moes of Altoona, Irene (Mrs. William) Moes of Sully, Edna (Mrs. Roy) Copeland of Sigourney, Velma (Mrs. Floyd) Sparks of Montezuma, Lloyd and Alice Sparks of Lynnville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Dick; four sisters: Jenny Moes, Elizabeth (Mrs. Joe) Vos, Gertrude (Mrs. Dick) Pleima, and Cornelia Moes; two brothers: Ralph Moes and William Moes.