Johanna Van Ee, 82, of Pella

Johanna S. Van Ee, 82, of Pella passed away Sept. 12, 2006. Funeral services were held Sept. 15, at the Heartland Reformed Church in Pella. Interment was held at the Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Memorials can be given to the J. Van Ee Dementia Unit at Jefferson Place or for the kitchen at the Heartland Reformed Church at Pella.

Johanna, Stoffolina Meulpolder was the fourth child born to Stoffel and Johanna Zweedyk Meulpolder. She was born on Aug. 2, 1924, in Pella, after her parents had arrived in the United States from the Netherlands. Her brother, Pieter, and sisters, Pieterrina and Adriana accompanied her parents when they came by ship in 1923 and later her sisters, Helen and Gardena and her brother, Raymond, were born. The family lived on several different farms in the Pella area. Johanna attended the Battle Ridge, European III, and Flint Ridge Country Grade Schools through the 8th grade. Johanna met Wilbur Lester Van Ee when they lived on opposite sides of the Thunder Creek and knew each other for only about a year before they were married on Jan. 1, 1942, at Lancaster, Missouri.

She will fondly be remembered as a loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother to eight grandchildren and great-grandmother to five great-grandchildren. They are: Verlan and Marijo Van Ee of Pella, Brad and Leslie Van Ee of Woodinville, Washington, Teddy Van Ee, Brent and Mara Van Ee of Cumming, Bridget Van Ee of Clinton, Missouri and fiance, Jeff Chapman, Doug Van Houwelingen of Leon, Teri Van Houwelingen of San Clemente, California and fiance, Ryan Sells; Colleen Benes of Galesburg, Larissa and Alan De Bruin of Pella, Madison Faith De Bruin, Chandra Benes, student at Central College; Faye (Richard) Van Ee of Pella, Danti Kirby of Pella, Brooke, Stoyan and Skylar Kirby; Jerry (Kathleen Van Ee) Loynachan of Pella.

Johanna is also survived by two sisters: Jean (Gerald) Terpstra and Gardena (Frances) Van Vark; her brother, Ray Meulpolder and his wife, Donna; her brother-in-law, George (Helen) Van Vark all of Pella; her sister-in-law, Marie (Pete) Meulpolder of El Sabrante, California; a brother-in-law, Vernon Van Ee and his wife, Edna also of Pella; and a sister-in-law, Ruth (Van Ee) and her husband, Bill Saholt of Whitefish, Montana.

Johanna was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Van Ee; her infant sons; her daughter, Kathy Loynachan, who passed away Aug. 12, 1999, at the age of just 47 years; her son, Richard Van Ee on June 7, 2006, at the age of 61 years; her parents, Stoffel and Johanna Meulpolder; her brother, Pete Meulpolder; her sisters: Nellie and her husband, Charles Moore and Helen (George) Van Vark; her brothers-in-law: Gerald Terpstra and Frances Van Vark; and a sister-in-law, Christine (Vernon) Van Ee.