Martha Van Dyke Hoksbergen, 95, Pella

Martha Johanna Van Gorp was born on June 23, 1911, in the Sandridge vicinity near Pella. She was the sixth of seven children that were born to Peter G. and Wouzina Terlouw Van Gorp. She attended the Sandridge Country Grade School. Her parents were farming in the Bethany vicinity north of Pella when Peter passed away in 1924 and following his death Mrs. Van Gorp continued to live on the farm with the help of her children. On February 18, 1937, Martha was united in marriage with Paul Van Dyke at Sully, Iowa. To this union three sons were born: Glenn Eugene, Keith Douglas, and Marvin Dale. Following their marriage Martha and Paul farmed north of Lynnville, Iowa where they were living when he passed away May 3, 1952 at the age of 44 years. Martha continued to live on the farm until moving into Pella in 1966. Then on September 8, 1967, she was united in marriage with Arthur Hoksbergen at Pella. Art's first wife, Marie Christina Van Gorp, who was an older sister of Martha, had passed away in 1959. Martha and Art continued to live in Pella all their married life. Martha worked in food service at the Pella Community Hospital and did volunteer mending. In October of 1990, Martha and Art were involved in an auto/truck accident near Pella and Art passed away two days later at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 79 years. Following his death Martha continued to live in their home at 409 Union Street until becoming a resident at the Hilltop Manor South in 2000. In December of 2002, she became a resident in the Long Term Care Unit at the Pella Regional Health Center. Martha passed away there on Wednesday morning, June 20, 2007, three days prior to her 96th birthday. Surviving are her three sons and their families. They are:

- Glenn and Colleen (Robb) Van Dyke of Searscoro, Iowa; Gregory Van Dyke and children, Aaron, Gina and Ashlen Van Dyke; Jerry and Beth Van Dyke and children, Kyle, Kayla, Kristal and Klayton Van Dyke; and children, Brandon, Cameron and Conner Westerkamp.
- Keith and Diana (Deppe) Van Dyke of Commerce City, Colorado; Richard and Joyce Van Dyke and children, Mychaele and Rob Scott and children, Joseph, Jordan and Kaitlyn Scott; Charise and Christopher Castillo; and children, Cheradee, Cameron Castillo.
- Marvin and Pamela (Kern) Van Dyke of Sully; Jason and Heather Van Dyke, Derek and Cassie Van Dyke and children, Makenna, Caden and Annika Van Dyke; Amy and Clint Helmuth and children, Tyler, Mason Helmuth.

Martha leaves four step-children and their families: Kenneth D. and Shirley Hoksbergen of Grinnell, Iowa, L. Joyce and Larry Hackert of Pella, Iowa, Wanda R. and Kenneth Bokhoven of Ada, Michigan, Karen A. and Martin Levison of North Oaks, Minnesota. Of her original family, Martha leaves her youngest brother, Vernon P. Van Gorp and his wife, Iola Vander Will of Leighton, Iowa; and four sisters-in-law: Lucille (Jake) Van Dyke of Grinnell, Iowa; Elizabeth (Hoksbergen) Aalbers and Faye (Hoksbergen) Bogaards both of Pella and Cora (Cornie Hoksbergen) DeRonde of Knoxville, Iowa. Martha was preceded in death by her husbands, Paul Van Dyke and Arthur Hoksbergen; her parents, Peter G. and Wouzina Van Gorp; her sister, Marie C. (Arthur) Hoksbergen; four brothers and their wives: Garrit D. Van Gorp, John R. and Dorothy Van Gorp, Clarence S. and Florence Van Gorp, M. Lester and Marge Van Gorp, and her sisters-in-law: Helene (Clarence) Van Gorp and Dorothy (Yetpoh) Van Gorp. Martha made profession of her faith at the First Reformed Church in Pella and at the time of her death was a member of the Third Reformed Church. Gardening, reading and quilting were favorite pastimes for her.

Funeral services were held June 23, at Third Church Chapel in Pella. A committal service with Rev. Jerry Morningstar, presiding at Sully Cemetery.

For those desiring memorials may be designated for the New Tribes Mission-Schuring Family or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.