Sylvia Van Ersvelde

Sylvia Van Ersvelde, 93, of Brooklyn, died Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at her home. A funeral service was held Saturday, June 30, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church on Brooklyn with the Rev. Brian Shepley officiating. Interment followed in Calvary Cemetery in Brooklyn.

Leah Sylvia Williams was born Feb. 9, 1914, near Brooklyn, the daughter of Thomas and Anne Jones Williams. She attended rural schools and was married on Dec. 28, 1935, to Frank Bernard Van Ersvelde in St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Brooklyn. They farmed for many years in the Brooklyn area before moving into Brooklyn in 1971. Her husband died on April 25, 1999. She was a member of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, its Altar and Rosary Society and the River Road Club.

She and her husband were avid sports fans; family time was important to her and she enjoyed sewing, gardening, cooking and quilting.

She is survived by her children, Donald Van Ersvelde, Tom Van Ersvelde and Doris Benson of Montezuma; Donna Miller of Marshalltown; Judy Wardak of Des Moines; Jane Kriegel and Mary Carlson of Brooklyn and Bob Van Ersvelde of Grinnell; one brother, Lloyd Williams of Clarksville, Tenn; her sister Irma Boatman of Plano, Texas; 39 grandchildren; 52 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; five brothers, Robert, Richard, George, Alfred and Noel Williams; three sisters Oatley Martin, Elsie Martin and Eva Voelkel; and one granddaughter.
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Casketbearers were John Miller, Cory Benson, David Van Ersvelde, Jamil Wardak, Jeff Kriegl, and Paul Van Ersvelde.

A scripture service was held Thursday, June 28, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn.

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Surviving are her children and their spouses, Donald (Norma) Van Ersvelde of Montezuma, Donna (Clarence) Miller of Marshalltown, Tom (Barb) Van Ersvelde of Montezuma, Judy Wardak of Des Moines, Jane (Tony) Kriegl of Brooklyn, Mary Carlson of Brooklyn, Bob (Connie) Van Ersvelde of Grinnell, and Doris (Steve) Benson of Montezuma; a brother, Lloyd Williams of Clarksville, Tenn.; a sister, Irma Bozman of Plano, Texas; 39 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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