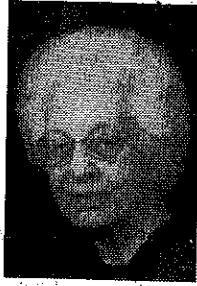


## Jeanette DeRuiter

Jeanette DeRuiter, 94, of Lynnville died Sunday, May 18, 2008, at Hospice of Central Iowa's Kavanagh House on 56th St. in Des Moines.



A funeral service was held Wednesday, May 21, at the Friends Church in Lynnville, with the Rev. Doug Smiley, pastor of the church, officiating and Shirley Hoksbergen as eulogist. Organist was Bernice Smith and vocalist was Duane Brand. Casket

bearers were Craig DeRuiter, Mark DeRuiter, Tim Smith, Zach Smith, Kelly Moes and Kenny Hoksbergen. Honorary bearers were Earl Beyer, Lyle Meredith, Kenny Rayl, Myron White and Russell Van Genderen. Interment followed in the Sully Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Lynnville Friends Church.

She was born April 14, 1914, south of New Sharon, the youngest of 15 children born to William and Anna DeHoog Van Genderen. The family later moved east of Sully where she attended Taylor Country Grade School. She was united in marriage with Teunis G. DeRuiter on June 15, 1937, in a double ceremony with his sister, Elsie, and Frank Baarda. They were life-long farmers in Jasper and Poweshiek Counties, farming near Newton and Searsboro prior to moving to his parents' farm north of Lynnville in 1948. They sold and moved off the farm which has been in the DeRuiter family for 80 years on Dec. 31, 1999, moving to Seeland Park Retirement Community in Grinnell.

She was a full-time devoted wife and mother. She began baking pies for the Sully Restaurant as a teenager and later had twice-a-day "coffee times" for family members, friends, neighbors and farm workers. She and her husband faithfully attended their children's sporting and music events and other activities throughout their school years.

They also attended Sully Community Church and Lynnville Friends Church throughout their lifetimes.

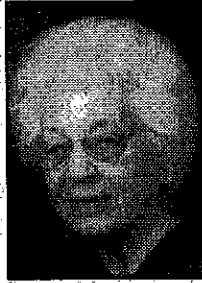
She is survived by two sons, Arnold DeRuiter of Lime Springs and Daryl DeRuiter of Hart, Mich.; one daughter Bonita Wertz of Johnston; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren and one sister Nellie Kooistra of Oskaloosa. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, Gerret, Leonard, John and Peter Van Genderen; six sisters, Gertie VanderKamp, Margaret Leydens, Henrietta Poyner, Kate Kleinpaste, Lena Bossari and Minnie Brand, and three infant siblings.

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## Obituaries

### Jeanette DeRuiter, 94, of Lynnville

Jeanette Van Genderen was born on April 14, 1914 south of New Sharon, Iowa. She was the youngest of fifteen children that were born to William and Anna DeHoog Van Genderen. The family later moved east of Sully, Iowa where she attended the Taylor County J. DeRuiter Grade School.



Jeanette was united in marriage with Teunis G. DeRuiter in Sully in a double ceremony with his sister, Elsie and Frank Baarda, on June 15, 1937. To this union three children were born: Arnold Lee, Bonita Kay and Daryl Gene. Teunis and Jeanette were life-long farmers in the Jasper and Poweshiek County area. The farmed near Newton and Searsboro prior to moving to his parents, farm north of Lynnville in 1948. Jeanette was a full-time caring and devoted wife and mother. She began baking pies for the Sully Restaurant as a teenager, which prepared her to make wonderful meals and twice-a-day "coffee times" for her family, friends, neighbors and farm workers. She spent much time cooking, quilting, gardening, canning and freezing her produce each summer as well as maintaining a lovely flower garden. She was also known to visit many of the local fishing ponds attempting to catch the "big ones". She was so proud one afternoon that two large-mouth bass succumbed to her endeavors the first at four pounds and the second at seven pounds! Teunis and Jeanette faithfully attended their children's school sporting, music and various other activities throughout their school years. They sold and moved off this farm, which had been in the DeRuiter family for 80 years, on December 31, 1999 to the Seeland Park Retirement Community in Grinnell. Jeanette enjoyed the socialization of the community and always looked forward to visiting with their many friends, neighbors and fellow residents. Teunis and Jeanette enjoyed attending Sunday church, gospel

music, local and TV sporting events, dining out, visiting friends and relatives, along with attending many activities in the Jasper, Poweshiek and Marion county areas. Private caretakers were hired in 2003 to help them as their health declined. Teunis passed away on December 1, 2003. Jeanette developed macular degeneration, suffered mini-strokes as well as a major stroke in December of 2002. These strokes resulted in her living with vascular dementia the past several years. She bonded closely with her in-home caretakers who took wonderful care of her until September of 2007, when she moved to Trinity Care Center in Des Moines, Iowa to be closer to her daughter. Her physical health continued to deteriorate as she experienced several fractures from falls, which resulted in two hip surgeries within a three week period. She and Teunis both passed away in the same room at Hospice of Central Iowa's Kavanagh House on 56th Street in Des Moines. Jeanette passed away on May 18, 2008 attaining the age of 94 years, one month and four days.

Jeanette was a petite, meticulous, strong, diligent and hard working lady who, willingly, made many sacrifices to protect and care for her family. Her children who loved and will miss her are:

Teunis and Jeanette attended the Sully Community Church and the Lynnville Friends Church during their lifetime.

She is survived by two sons, Arnold (Betty) DeRuiter of Lime Springs, IA and Daryl DeRuiter of Hart, Michigan; one daughter, Bonita (Harry "Bud") Wertz of Johnston, IA; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Nellie Kooistra of Oskaloosa. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, Gerret, Leonard, John and Peter Van Genderen; six sisters, Gertie VanderKamp, Margaret Leydens, Henrietta Poyner, Kate Kleinpaste, Lena Bossari and Minnie Brand; and three infant siblings.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 21, at Lynnville Friends Church with interment at the Sully Cemetery.

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## Jeanette DeRuiter

Jeanette DeRuiter, 94, of Grinnell and formerly of Lynnville died on Sunday, May 18, 2008, at the Kavanaugh House in Des Moines.

Funeral services for Jeanette DeRuiter will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 21, at the Lynnville Friends Church, with interment to follow at the Sully Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at noon Tuesday; the family will be present at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. that day.

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