Obituary

Doris Vander Werff

Doris (Carnahan) Vander Werff, 94, of Adel, formerly of the Killduff/Sully area, died Saturday, April 25, 2009, at Sunnybrook of Adel in Adel. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton. Memorials to Sunnybrook of Adel or Hospice of Central Iowa may be left at the funeral home.

Doris was born January 15, 1915, in Rockwell, Iowa. She was the second of seven children that were born to Jesse and Hazel (Irish) Carnahan. She graduated from Newton High School in 1932. She completed Normal Training and then taught school in Jasper County for three years. On August 18, 1937, she was joined in marriage with Dick Vander Werff. To this union, two children were born: Janice and Nancy.

Dick and Doris farmed in the Killduff area until 2002. They enjoyed raising Angus Cattle. Doris was very active in helping Dick with the cattle and corn and bean seed sales. She especially enjoyed handling the family and business bookkeeping. Doris loved to fish at their farm ponds and she looked forward to hunting mushrooms in the fall. One of her favorite activities was mowing the yard and singing as she mowed.

She enjoyed attending her children and grandchildren's activities, such as showing cattle and various sports activities in which their grandchildren participated. They also enjoyed going for drives and visiting with friends, neighbors, and relatives in the area, and made it a point to visit those people if they were in the hospital. In 2002, they moved to Waukee and later to Adel.

Doris is survived by her daughter, Nancy (Jerry) Burkhardt of rural Bagley, Iowa; five grandchildren: Theresa (Terry) Bartholomew, Frank (Tracy) DeBartoloso, Susan DeBartoloso, Ricky (Rita) DeBartoloso, and Doug (Maria) Burkhardt; ten great-grandchildren; her sister, Nina Farland; three brothers: Dwight, Paul, and Charles Carnahan; her sister-in-law, Grace Vander Werff; and brother-in-law, Gary (Joan) Vander Werff.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dick; daughter, Janice; grandson, Derek Burkhardt; and two brothers.