

Frances Kleiss

Frances Helen Graham Kleiss, 86, of rural Brooklyn died Monday, Dec. 18, at Metropolitan Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Madison Church of Christ, rural Brooklyn, with Dennis Smith, minister, officiating. Organist was Jan Read, and pianist was Robin Jons. Vocalists were Robin Jons and Steve Hucke. Casket bearers were John Hall, Ronald Read, Laurel Keller, David Hendrickson, Marvin Keller and Mark Lang.

Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery, with Nevenhoven Funeral Services in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Brownlie and Dora Hayes Graham, she was born Dec. 20, 1914, at Maplehurst Farm near Brooklyn. She received her early education in rural schools and graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1931.

On Feb. 21, 1933, she was married to Herbert Ernest Kleiss. They operated a dairy farm for most of their farming career, at one time delivering milk in the Brooklyn area as Kleiss Quality Dairy. At the time of her final illness, Mrs. Kleiss was still living on that farm, her home for 67 years.

She was a member of the Madison Church of Christ where she taught adult Sunday school classes for many years and served in women's groups. She served as church clerk for over 50 years. She was also a long-time member of the Emanon Club of Brooklyn.

Surviving are two daughters; Laura Hucke of Fredericksburg and Margery DeVilder of Brooklyn; one son, Paul of Ulman, Mo.; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sons, Lewis, Richard and Alan; two brothers, Archie and Paul Graham; and five sisters, Jeanetta Clayton Hartshorn, Sarah Burnell, Agnes Lang, Carrie Bolen and Olive Abel; and one great-grandson.

A memorial fund has been established.

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Funeral services for Frances Kleiss were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, 2000, at the Madison Church of Christ, rural Brooklyn. Mr. Dennis Smith, Minister, officiated. The organist was Jan Read and the pianist was Robin Jons. Vocalists were Robin Jons and Steve Hucke. Flower attendants were Malcom and Helen Mayo and Ronald and Judie Clayton. Casket-bearers were John William Hall, Ronald Read, Laurel Keller, David Hendrickson, Marvin Keller and Mark Lang. Interment was in Brooklyn Memorial Cemetery.

Frances Helen Graham Kleiss, daughter of Brownlie Graham and Dora Hayes Graham, was born Dec. 20, 1914, at Maplehurst Farm near Brooklyn, Ia. She was raised in that area and received her early education in rural schools, graduating in 1931 from Brooklyn High School.

On Feb. 21, 1933, Frances was married to Herbert Ernest Kleiss at the home of her parents in rural Brooklyn, the present Madison Church of Christ parsonage. They operated a dairy farm for most of their farming career, at one time delivering milk in the Brooklyn area as Kleiss Quality Dairy. At the time of her final illness, Frances was still living on that farm, her home for 67 years.

An avid reader and a woman of strong faith, Frances was a member of the Madison Church of Christ, where she taught adult Sunday school classes for many years and served in the women's groups. She served as church clerk for over fifty years. Frances was a long-time member of the Emanon Club of Brooklyn.

Frances was known for her hospitality and culinary skills and was famous for her bread-baking ability. To some of her young relatives, she was the "cookie lady." She enjoyed knitting and sewing, producing dozens of sweaters, robes and quilts. She was an avid gardener, raising food and beautiful flowers. Many of her flowers found their way into arrangements that she made for the church's Sunday services.

Frances was known among family and friends for her hospitality. As a cook, her breads and cookies were favorites. In her later years, she made dozens of quilts.

Frances is survived by two daughters and their husbands, Laura and Roger Hucke of Fredericksburg and Margery and David DeVilder of Brooklyn; one son and his wife, Paul and Peggy Kleiss of Ulman, Mo.; fourteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

She died Monday, Dec. 18, 2000, in Metropolitan Medical Center, Des Moines. Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; three sons, Lewis, Richard and Alan; two brothers and five sisters, Jeanetta Clayton Hartshorn, Sarah Burnell, Agnes Lang, Carrie Bolen, Archie Graham, Paul Graham and Olive Abel; and one great-grandson, Brandon Jons.

Nevenhoven Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements. A memorial fund has been established.

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