

Nellie Nikkel

Nellie Nikkel, 97, of Griffin Nursing Center, Knoxville, formerly of Sully, died Tuesday, March 17, at the nursing center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at Sully Christian Reformed Church, with the Rev. Thomas R. Dykstra officiating. Casket bearers were members of her family. Burial was in Sully Cemetery, with the Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home of Pella in charge of arrangements.

She was the daughter of John and Henrietta De Wild Stek and was born Oct. 11, 1900, in Galesburg. She lived most of her childhood on a farm north Sully and attended rural school.

She was married to Tunis Nikkel Dec. 23, 1919, in Sully. They farmed in the Sully, Lynnville and Taintor areas, moving to Sully in the early 1960s.

Mrs. Nikkel worked at a cafe in Sully until retiring. She became a resident of Hilltop Manor South in Pella until moving to Griffin Nursing Center in November 1997.

She was a member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church and the Lydia Society of the church. After moving to Pella, she became a member of the Calvary Christian Reformed Church.

Surviving are nine children, Cornelia Loynachan of Marion, Jennie Van Maanen of Newton, James of Sully, Harriet Zylstra of Pella, Wilbur of Pella, Leo of Pella, Sylvia Menninga of Oak Park, Ill., Bruce of Ripon, Calif., and Nelson of Sully; 36 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Edward; four brothers; and seven sisters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sully Christian Grade School or Hilltop Manor South.

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