

Leona Van Soelen

Leona Van Soelen, 60, of Sully died of cancer Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at the Sully Christian Reformed Church, with the Rev. Lawrence Howerzyl officiating. Pallbearers were her sons-in-law and brothers, David Van Soelen, Calvin Ahrenholz, William Branderhorst, Jeffrey Van Soelen, Michael Vander Hart, Marvin Branderhorst and Gerrit Branderhorst. Burial was in Sully Cemetery, with the Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home of Pella in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Gerrit and Evalena Van Ryswyk Branderhorst she was born April 28, 1936, near Prairie City. She was a 1954 graduate of Newton High School.

She was married to Cornelius "Case" Van Soelen Oct. 12, 1956, in Prairie City. Mrs. Van Soelen worked as a secretary for the Denniston and Partridge Company in Newton. The couple moved to a farm west of Sully in 1959 and lived there for 35 years. They moved into Sully in 1995.

Mrs. Van Soelen was a member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church and the church's Share Your Faith Society. She was a former member of the Sully Christian School Circle and was an associate member of the Pella Christian High School Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband; four children, David of Pella, Barbara Ahrenholz of Prinsburg, Minn., Jeffrey of Sully and Sandra Vander Hart of Pella; 12 grandchildren; four sisters, Marie Vos of Pella, Mildred Vander Hoek of Monroe, Esther Wellington of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Pearl Van Zee of Newton; and three brothers, William Branderhorst of Newton, Marvin Branderhorst of Pella and Gerrit Branderhorst of Pella.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

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(Cornelius)