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Lois is survived by her children, Roger (Louise) of Brooklyn, Paul (Carol) of Grinnell, Nancy Van Ersvelde of Cedar Rapids, and Sara (David) Henderson of Bartlett, Ill.; four grandchildren, Jamie Van Ersvelde (Kelli) of Brooklyn, Jeremy Van Ersvelde (Amy) of Brooklyn, Holly Marquez (Randy) of Chicago, and Jeffrey Henderson of Chicago; and six great-grandchildren, Brady Van Ersvelde, Taylor Van Ersvelde, Jordan Van Ersvelde, Baylee Van Ersvelde, Rylie Van Ersvelde and Ian Van Ersvelde, all of Brooklyn. Also survived by Anke van Heijningen and Willem Hartman, grandchildren of her heart of Lyndon Station, Wis.; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bruno, a daughter Martha Van Ersvelde, and her siblings, Martha Doty, Irene Doty, Forrest Doty, Jr., Melvin Doty and Rolland Doty.

Lois Mae Doty was born November 7, 1924 in Grinnell, Iowa, the daughter of Forrest and Nola Mae Tinker Doty. She graduated from Brooklyn High School in 1942. She taught in the rural Iowa and Poweshiek County schools for three years. She married Bruno Van Ersvelde on September 4, 1946, in Brooklyn, Iowa. Following her marriage she spent much of her time raising the children and working the farm with Bruno. She especially enjoyed the springtime on the farm with all the new animals and "a new beginning." She enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting, crocheting and making crafts. She taught quilting classes at the True Value Hardware Store in Brooklyn. She and Bruno enjoyed their eight winters in Texas.

Lois was a charter member of the Poweshiek Piecemakers Guild, a 50-year member of the Farm Bureau, and belonged to the WWW Club. Lois was a leader for the Warren Willing Workers 4-H Club and a long time member of the Grace United Methodist Church, Brooklyn.

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