

Charlotte Drost, 85, Tracy

Charlotte Drost, 85, formerly of Tracy, passed away Feb. 19, 2006. Funeral services were held Feb. 22, at the Tracy Christian Reformed Church. Interment was held at Evergreen Cemetery in Leighton. Memorials can be given to the Twin Cedars Dollars for Scholars.



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Charlotte Van Maanen, the third child born to Nicholas and Elizabeth Dykstra Van Maanen, was born near Leighton, on Sept. 18, 1920. Charlotte graduated from the Black Oak No. 6 Country Grade School. As a young girl she worked for the Fowler Telephone Company in Pella, until the time of her marriage.

On Jan. 23, 1953, she was united in marriage with William Jacob Drost in Leighton and to this union three children were born: Donald Wayne, Corrine Ann and Mark Joel. Following their marriage, Charlotte and Bill began farming in Mahaska County in the Oskaloosa vicinity. In 1958, they moved near Tracy, where they continued to farm and live the

remainder of their married life.

Those who will cherish her memory are her three children and their families: Donald Drost and his wife, Renee of Pella and their son, Tyrel Drost and his wife, Lauren of Knoxville, Tennessee; Corrine and her husband, Dennis Uitermarkt of Harvey, and their three daughters: Melinda and her husband, Matthew Groenendyk and their son, Nathan of Cedar, Laura and her husband, Jeff Dykstra of Otley, Kendra Uitermarkt of Harvey; and Mark Drost of Tracy. Of her original family Charlotte leaves her younger brother, Kenneth Beven Van Maanen, and his wife, Betty of Leighton; along with the following brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: John Drost of Phoenix, Arizona, Shirley (Short) Drost and his wife, Mary of Republic, Missouri, and Ada (Richard) Drost of Oskaloosa. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Drost; her parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth Van Maanen; her sister, Bernice Van Maanen who died in 1943; and her sister, Junella Wilma who died in 2004 and her husband, Charles Conrad who had passed away in 1974.