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Grace Janet Fopma Beyer



Grace Janet Fopma Beyer, 96, of Pella and formerly of Sully, died Thursday, June 27, 2019, at Jefferson Place in Pella. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at the Sully Christian Reformed Church. The family planned to greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, July 1, at the church. Memorials may be designated to the Ruth Circle or the L-S Community Education Foundation may be left at the church the day of the service or at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory.

Grace, the daughter of Simon and Jennie Jansen Fopma, was born on March 22, 1923, at the family home north of Lynnvillle. The weather that day was so bad that her father had to take a horse and sleigh to get the doctor for her birth. Growing up, Grace attended

rural schools north of Lynnvillle.

On Jan. 6, 1947, Grace married Harold Beyer, and they farmed east of Reasnor, south of Galesburg, west of Montezuma, and south of Searsboro. Farm life was not always easy with a tornado doing massive damage in 1956; outdoor bathrooms; frozen water pipes, and an occasional milk cow that would send Grace for a roll. She put in a large garden each spring to provide food for her family. In 1984, Harold and Grace sold the family farm by Searsboro and made their home in Sully. Even after moving to town, a large garden would take up most of the back yard.

Grace was a long time member of the Sully Christian Reformed Church where she participated in sewing days and attending ladies' society meetings. In addition to gardening, Grace loved to bake. Her children and grandchildren benefited from many angel food cakes on their birthdays and would always find time to sneak over to her house around "coffee time" every day for a sweet treat. Grace was also faithful in sending cards for birthdays, anniversaries, and other celebrations and received many in return. She always loved doing jig-saw puzzles and when her friends and family would visit it was customary to contribute a piece or two to whatever puzzle she was working on.

Grace is survived by two sons, Dwight Beyer of Hannibal, Mo., and Russell Beyer of Pella; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; her sister, Sylvia Nieuwsma of Pella; and other relations.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harold Beyer; son, Melvin Beyer; one grandson; and siblings Charles Fopma, Bernie Fopma and Don Fopma.