

Beulah Bandstra, 87, Pella

Beulah Bandstra, 87, of Pella passed Oct. 30, 2006. Funeral services were held Nov. 3, at the Leighton Christian Reformed Church. Memorials can be given to Hospice of Pella or the Oskaloosa Christian School.

B. Bandstra

Beulah Bloem Bandstra, daughter of Peter E. and Angeline Van Zomeren Bloem, was born Feb. 26, 1919, in Mahaska County. Beulah was united in marriage with Paul E. Bandstra on Feb. 28, 1940 in Mahaska County. To this union six children were born: Bert, Alvin, Ernest, John, Carolyn, and Delores.

Beulah and Paul farmed for 62 years.

She was baptized at an early age and later became a faithful member of the Leighton Christian Reformed

Church. Beulah and her family sponsored the Nguyen Cong Dung family as they came from Vietnam. A special friendship developed between the two families.

Those left to cherish her memory are her five children and their spouses: Bert and Elaine Bandstra of Oskaloosa, Alvin Bandstra of Pella, Ernest and Susan Bandstra of Chico, California, John and Connie Bandstra of Oskaloosa, and Delores and John Ryken of New Sharon; 14 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; one brother, Melvin Bloem and his wife Sarah of New Sharon; one sister, Leona Veldhuizen and her husband Harold of Oskaloosa; her brother-in-law, John Drost of Oskaloosa; and her sister-in-law, Gladys Bloem of Oskaloosa.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Paul, on Feb. 5, 1999; her daughter, Carolyn Ruth; granddaughter, Diane Joy Bandstra; great-grandson, Nathan Mai; brother, Elmer Bloem; sisters, Bernice Drost and Norma Bloem; and brother-in-law, Gary Van Arendonk.



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