

Genevieve Sneller, 83, Pella

Genevieve Sneller, 83, of Pella passed away June 17, 2006. Funeral services were held June 21, at the Church of the Open Bible in Pella. Interment was held at Greenwood Cemetery in Marion County. Memorials can be given to Hospice of Pella.



G. Sneller

Marie Jenneveve Lankford was born on Nov. 25, 1922, to George and Janette (Bingaman) Lankford in Pleasant Township, Marion County. She graduated from Knoxville High School in 1941. Genevieve, as she was known, was united in marriage with Jess De Vos, Jr. on Jan. 14, 1945, and to this union two children were born: Janice Marie and

Kenneth Wayne. Jess was killed on June 18, 1960 as a result of a tractor accident. She met Gerrit Sneller, Jr., who had also lost a spouse and they shared their joy and loss together. Four years later they were married on Feb. 2, 1964. With this marriage, two families were blended into one. Genevieve worked as a cook in the Pella Community Schools for many years, retiring in 1985. She also cooked for the senior congregation meals and volunteered at Work of Our Hands.

She survived by her husband Gerrit Sneller, Jr., and their large blended family. They are: Of her original family, Genevieve leaves her sisters, Irene and her husband Loren Davis of Hamilton, and Myrtle and Philip Simmoens of Sandyville. Of her husband Gerrit's family she leaves Carrie Breen and

Ed Goemaat both of Pella, and his sister-in-law, Marge Sneller of Jefferson City, MO. Of her husband Jess De Vos family she leaves his siblings, Don and Theda De Vos and Darlene (Paul) De Vos, all of Rogers, AR, Harold and Tommalee De Vos of Cedar Rapids, Richard and Karen De Vos, Dena May Deitrick, Lu Etta and her husband Earl Martinache, Doris Smith, Dorothy Friday, all of Knoxville, IA and Emma Jean Chapman of Des Moines.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Jess De Vos, Jr., her parents, Gerrit's son, Steve Sneller who died in January of 1998, her brother Roy Lankford, her sister Cleo May Lankford, and three granddaughters Kelby Jess, Kathy Celia and Kaylene Marie De Vos.