

Janet Steenhoek, 97, of Pella

Janet Steenhoek, 97, of Pella passed away Aug. 7, 2006. Funeral services were held Aug. 10, at the First Reformed Church in Pella.

Interment was held at the Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. Memorials can be given to the Pella Community Foundation.



J. Steenhoek

Jeanette Grootveld was born on Nov. 19, 1908, east of Knoxville, near a small French town known as Flagler. There were 13 children born to Henry and Effie Plate van Grootveld and Jeanette was the tenth child. She had five brothers and seven sisters: Jake, John, Cornie, Minnie, Cora, Margaret, Hattie, Herman, William, Mary, Helen Mae and Esther Irene. Jeanette grew up on a farm and was only four years old when she started school and was small for her age. The school called Sumpter was a large one-room school house.

Janet met Gerrit Albert Steenhoek

at an ice cream social near Prairie City. He was farming with his parents, Gysbert S. and Jennie Van Zee Steenhoek, at the time. Five years later, she and Gerrit were united in marriage on March 17, 1931, in the parsonage of the Second Christian Reformed Church in Pella.

Of her original family of a 'bakers dozen', she leaves Esther I. (Vande Noord) De Zwarte, and a sister-in-law, Eva (Bill) Grootveld both of Pella. Those who will cherish her memory are her two daughters, eight grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren. They and their families are: Janice R. Lamson of Webster City, Cheryl Denise and Robert Burney of Otho, Christopher and Sheri Burney of Otho, Tyler and Megan, Jamie and Don Johnson of Blairsburg, Dirk, Blake and Natalie, Jason Burney of Webster City, Gage and Mackenzie, Randall Wayne Menninga of Des Moines, Mandy and Tyler Smith of Newton, Madison, Ryan and Amanda Menninga of Newton, Caden and Landen, Connie Sue Menninga of Dubuque, Mindy and Josh Gray of Kearney, Missouri, Hunter and

Beau, Curtis Schoenthaler of Iowa City, Abby Ferguson of Maquoketa, Mark Eugene Menninga of Des Moines, Miles and Noah, Chad Edward and Carie Lamson of Greenville, North Carolina, Caiden and Chloe, Bradley Lyle and Angela Lamson of Greenville, North Carolina, Carter; Glenda S. and Roger D. Duven of Pella, Kimberly Sue and Robert Bandstra of Travis AFB, California, Lydia and Maria, Leah Deann and Justin Hillman of Pella, Tyler, Drew and Cole. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerrit A. Steenhoek; a son-in-law, Edward Lamson; her parents, Henry and Effie van Grootveld who were born in Ede, Gelderland, the Netherlands; and the following brothers and sisters and their spouses: Jake and Belle Grootveld, John and Roxie Grootveld, Cornie and Laura Grootveld, Minnie and Dick Hugen, Cora and Brooks Klyn, Margaret and Bill Vande Voort, Hattie and Abe Vander Beek, Herman and Joan Grootveld, Bill Grootveld, Mary and Robert Ver Ploeg, Helen and Marion De Zwarte; and her brother-in-law, Harris Vande Noord.