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Johanna Wilhelmina Van Maanen was born in Voorthuis, Holland, the Netherlands on Aug. 31, 1909, at the home of her parents Wouter and Gijsbertha Van Dalen Van Maanen. Minnie, as she was known, came to America in 1910 when she was just six months old. Her oldest sister, Artie, was 3 years old and her older brother, Teunis, was 2 years of age. Her Uncle Johan and Aunt Matje Van Maanen made it possible for the family to come to the United States and met them at Ellis Island, near New York City. The families then lived together in Killduff, until her father found work as a hired hand on a farm near Lynnville. Minnie began her grade school education at Taylor Country School and completed her formal education at the Sully Christian School in Sully.

On Oct. 15, 1927, at the age of 18 years, Minnie was united in marriage with Dick Terpstra, son of William and Peterneel Terpstra (Terpstra). Minnie and Dick lived

and farmed in various places in the Lynnville and Sully, area following their marriage and were blessed with 13 children: Pauline, Alberta, Donna, Wilbur who died in infancy in 1934, Viola, Richard, Marilyn, Vernon, Virgil, Ivan, Delano who died in infancy in 1948, Twyla and Julia.

Minnie was devoted to and provided for a very large family which now includes 10 surviving children, 33 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren, 23 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. They are: Alberta and Marion Pol of Pella; Donna and Lee Asher of Davenport; Viola and Ed Goemaat of Pella; Richard and Mary Terpstra of Pipestone, Minnesota; Marilyn and Marvin May of Pella; Vernon and Kay Terpstra of Monroe; Virgil and Bertha Terpstra of Pella; Ivan and Nancy Terpstra of Newton; Twyla Meyers of Johnston; Julia and Larry Rumer of Pella.

Of her original family she leaves her youngest brother, John Van Maanen of Newton; and three sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law: Anna (Terpstra) Olsthoorn of Sully, Wilhelmina (Terpstra) Monsma of Pella, and Wanda (Terpstra) and Cornie Dunsbergen of Lynnville. Minnie was preceded in death by her husband, Dick; her two infant sons: Wilbur Dean and Delano; her oldest daughter, Irene and her husband, Raymond Bennink; her parents: Wouter and Gijsbertha Van Maanen; and her older sister and brother: Artie Van Wyk and Teunis Van Maanen.

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