

Iva Harthoorn

Iva Fern Arkema Harthoorn died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell where she had been a resident since 2003.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 10, at First Reformed Church in Sully with burial following in the Sully Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Sully Christian School or Words of Hope.

She was born March 14, 1923, at the family home south of Lynnville, the daughter of Harry and Harriet Vande Kamp Vande Krol. She was united in marriage with John Arkema on Nov. 14, 1944, at the Sully Christian Reformed Church parsonage. The family farmed north of Sully for many years.

~~Her husband died on June 23, 1969.~~ She then moved into Sully where she later met Joe Harthoorn to whom she was married on May 7, 1982. She lost her second husband Joe on Dec. 6, 2000. She worked as a clerk in Boat's Grocery Store and Verschure's Market, and for over five years was a nurse's aid at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

She was an active member of First Reformed Church in Sully and its Martha Circle. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, gardening and canning produce from her garden.

She is survived by five sons, Carl Arkema of North Muskegon, Mich.; Ervin Arkema of Sully; Milo Arkema of Edina, Minn.; Verlan Arkema of Pella, and Wesley Arkema of Kellogg; 17 grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; three stepsons, Bryce Harthoorn of Princeton, Iowa; Donovan Harthoorn of Sarasota, Fla., and Kurt Harthoorn of Sully; six step grandchildren; four step great grandchildren; and two brothers, Doyle Vande Krol of Sully and Robert Vande Krol of Searsboro. She was preceded in death by her husbands and her parents.

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