Grace Sleeuwenhoek

Grace E. Sleeuwenhoek, 89, of Grinnell died on Friday, May 2, 2008, at Friendship Manor in Grinnell.

She was born on Aug. 19, 1918, near Kilduff to Barend and Mabel



Clausen Sleeuwenhoek. She was raised on the family farm and attended Elk Creek Township School.

The eldest of eight children, she devoted her life to caring for the family home and her younger brothers after her mother's death. The family moved from their farm near Kilduff to farms near Rock Creek and Kellogg, finally settling on an acreage west of Grinnell.

She worked as a seamstress at DeLong's Jacket Factory and in the dietary department at Friendship Manor. She was later employed as a hospitality hostess for General Telephone Company in Grinnell

She was a member of the Grace Community Church in Grinnell and enjoyed traveling with Grinnell State Bank's Heritage Club, baking, raising summer flowers, reading the bible, church and family activities.

She is survived by a brother, Wendell Sleeuwenhoek of Grinnell; and several nieces, nephews and sisters-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and six brothers, Alfred, Lawrence, Earl, Lloyd, Norman and Carroll.