

Philomena Fraker, 92

Mrs. Philomena Fraker, 92, of Knoxville, died Sunday, January 16, 2005, at Locust Hill Elder Group Home, Knoxville, Iowa.

Funeral services for Mrs. Fraker were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, at the Nevenhoven Funeral Home, Brooklyn. The Rev. Mark P. Spring, pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Knoxville, officiated. The musician was Marilyn Kriegel. Casketbearers were Walter Westberry, Wally Westberry, William Westberry, Jason Cahill and Efrain Chavez. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

A memorial fund has been established.

Philomena (Van Ersvelde) Fraker was born on May 3, 1912, near Victor. Her parents were Henry Van Ersvelde and Mary (Van Waus) Van Ersvelde. She received her education in a rural school. On June 18, 1936 she married Kenneth Elza Fraker in St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn. They were the parents of four children, Phillip, Paul, Richard and Kathy. Mrs. Fraker did baby sitting and sewing.

Her husband died October 14, 1978. Following his death, Mrs. Fraker moved to Marshalltown where she lived until seven years ago when she moved to Knoxville. She was a former member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Brooklyn.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; a son, Richard; five brothers, Frank, Bruno, Raymond, Henry Jr. and John Van Ersvelde; five sisters, Emma Frommelt, Julia Van Ersvelde, Rose Lakose, and Clara Cornelis; and a grandson, Michael Fraker.

Surviving are her daughter, Kathy Westberry and husband Walter of Knoxville; two sons and their wives, Phillip and Maria Fraker of Concord, Calif., and Paul and Irene Fraker of El Paso, Texas; a sister, Josephine Henry of Barnes City; fifteen grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

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