

Mathilda Van Manen

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Mathilda Van Manen, 81, of Sully died Saturday, June 15, at Pella Community Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the Sully Reformed Church, with the Rev. Kenneth Schepel officiating. Pallbearers were her grandsons, and burial was in Sully Cemetery, with the Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Isaac and Hilda Baarda, she was born Sept. 22, 1914, near Killduff. She was a graduate of Sully Christian Grade School.

She was married to Guysbert Blom Feb. 15, 1934, in Sully, and they farmed southeast of Newton for 20 years. They then moved to Lynnville. Mr. Blom died in 1966.

On March 19, 1975, she was married to Art Van Manen in Sully. They lived on his farm southeast of Sully. Mr. Van Manen died in December 1989.

Mrs. Van Manen is survived by five children, Lois Lanser of Pella, Gary Blom of Grinnell, Darlene Bower of Pella, LaVonne Vos of Monroe and Steven Blom of Grinnell; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; five step-children, Larry Van Manen of Robinsonville, N.C., Marcia Young of Minneapolis, Minn., Audrey Veenstra of Visalia, Calif., Robert Van Manen of New York City and Steven Van Manen of Oakland, Calif.; 10 step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Pauline Jansen of Sully.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; two sisters, Anna Nikkel and Elizabeth Nikkel; and six brothers, Klaas, Dick, Benjamin, John, Joe and William Baarda.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to the Calvinettes or the Sully Christian Grade School.