

CLARENCE

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Mathilda (Tillie) Van Sant, 73, died Sunday, April 26, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center of Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Christian Reformed Church in Sully with Pastor Dan Ver Weort and Pastor Keith Briggs officiating. Organist will be Betty Van Der Kraats and vocal music will be by Russell Stravers. Casket bearers will be Mark Brand, Ben Trunk, Jerry Van Sant, Willard Van Sant, Ron Van Gennep, Andre Versendaal, Larry Van Wyngarden and Kenton Elliott. Honorary bearers will be Allan Latcham, David Latcham, Danny Lender, Delmer Lender, Arie Jo Versendaal, Dexter Versendaal and Leroy Versendaal. Burial will be in the Sully Cemetery. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning 5 p.m. Thursday. The family will be present from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday. Memorials may be made to the Gideon Society or to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Mrs. Van Sant was born Jan. 25, 1925, near Kellogg to Andrew and Johanna Geenen Versendaal. She attended Sully Christian School. Following her education she worked at the Sully Cafe and Midwest Manufacturing Company in Kellogg. She was married Dec. 21, 1944, to Clarence Van Sant in Sully. The couple farmed near Searsboro and for the past 50 years on a farm west of Grinnell. In 1964 they founded Van's Health Foods and operated stores in Newton and Grinnell. They moved to Grinnell in July, 1997.

She was a member of the Hickory Grove Church, rural Grinnell, and Jasper County Farm Bureau.

She is survived by her husband Clarence Van Sant; one daughter Thelma J. Brand, Taylor Ridge, Ill.; one son Carroll N. Van Sant, Grinnell; four grandchildren; one brother, Adrian Versendaal, Grinnell, and three sisters, Marie Lender and Dorothy Latcham, both of Grinnell, and Joan Terlouw of Pella. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother Arie Versendaal.