

Martha Willemsen

Martha M. Willemsen, 73, of Pella, formerly of the Lynnville-Sully area, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home in Pella, with the Rev. Kevin F. Korver officiating. Soloist was Paul Hietbrink, and organist was Judy Steenhoek. Pallbearers were her nephews, Stanley Fopma, James Vander Weerd, Kelvin Vander Weerd, Don Den Hartog, Steven Van Helton and Brian Willemsen. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Lynnville.

She was the daughter of John O. and Phoebe Renaud Terlouw and was born Aug. 9, 1920, south of Sully. She attended Chester School near Sully.

On March 25, 1942, she was married to Fred Willemsen in Missouri. They farmed north of Lynnville. Mr. Willemsen died in 1984, and she moved to Pella.

She had been a member of the Sugar Creek Missionary Society, the Lynnville Women's Club and the Farm Bureau.

Surviving are three children, Ronald of Pella, Linda Bailey of Overland Park, Kan., and Robert of Des Moines; four sisters, Arletta Baarda of Sully, Jeannie Hurst of Los Angeles, Calif., Isabelle Vander Weerd of Lynnville and Theda Fopma of Grinnell; four brothers, Henry Terlouw of Sully, Marion of Prairie City, Lloyd of Marshalltown and Louis of Pella; and six grandchildren.

(Fred)