



Cora Wilma Bruxvoort

March 30, 1910 - July 14, 2008

Cora Wilma Bruxvoort: Jacoba Wilhelmina ""Cora"" Van Kooten daughter of Henry and Cornelia Schutt Van Kooten was born April 30, 1910 at Apeldoorn, province of Gelderland, the Netherlands. That same year, at the age of three months, she accompanied her parents, five brothers and five sisters to the United States of America, settling in northwest Iowa, near Alton. They later moved to central Iowa. Cora was part of a family which included 16 living children.

Cora professed her faith at the Sully Christian Reformed Church. She later met and married John Bruxvoort, December 28, 1928. To this union was born two children. She & John began farming in the Lynnville vicinity and later moved to the Sandridge area, between Sully and Pella. It was in 1937, she joined with others and became a naturalized citizen of the U.S. In 1941, John and Cora purchased a farm west of Oskaloosa and Cora was employed at the ""Children's Carousel Toggery"" in Oskaloosa. They moved to the city of Oskaloosa in 1953 and purchased the Oskaloosa Bible and Book Store. It was during these years, John and Cora learned to appreciate fellow Christians of the surrounding area. Later, after selling the store, Cora remained employed there for some time.

Cora's family includes her son, Brant and his wife, Martha Bruxvoort of Oskaloosa; four grandchildren: Ervin and Deborah Bruxvoort of Oskaloosa

and their children: Anne and Ryan Bandstra of Pella and their children: Lucas, Mary Kate, Ethan and Ella; Lucas and Lanae Bruxvoort of Goodyear, AZ and their son, Brody; Kara and Neal Brenneman of Sioux Center, IA and their daughter, Elsie; Eric and Sonja Bruxvoort of Coralville, IA and their children: Cole and Ava; Johnny Boyles of Parker, Co; Jennifer & Joe Patterson of Cedar Rapids, IA and their son, Carter; Tommy O'Conner of Ankeny, IA; Barbara and Dave De Jong of Oskaloosa, IA and their son, Adam (Kate) De Jong of Oskaloosa; Carolyn and Ed Whiting of Sherwood, OR and their daughter, Lori (Karl) Welke of Portland, OR and their daughter, Annika; Byron and Debra Bruxvoort of Oskaloosa, IA and their children: Leah and Tatum Moyer of Ankeny, IA; Matthew and Jordana Bruxvoort of Oskaloosa, IA; and Christina Lopez of Oskaloosa and her son, Karsen; and several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren.

Of Cora's original family, she leaves two sisters: Nellie (Harry-deceased) Terpstra and Pauline (George-deceased) Terpstra, both of Pella; a brother, Albert (Marie-deceased) of Greenwood, AR and a sister-in-law, Lucille (Paul-deceased) Van Kooten of Denver, CO.

Cora enjoyed neighborhood and community activities, family and music were her favorites. Her greatest love was always with the church where she was an active member and where she participated regularly.

Cora continued living at her home at 609 North 10th Street for 6 years after the passing of John in 1994. She then spent 15 months at White Oak Estates before she moved to Pleasant Park Estates. In Oct. 2005 she moved to Griffin Nursing Center in Knoxville, where she lived until the time of her death at the age of 98 years, 2 months and 14 days.

Besides her parents and her husband, Cora was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Cecilia; an infant granddaughter, Bonita; eight brothers:

Cornelius ? who died as an infant of three months in Holland, Cornelius, Henry, Peter, Roy, Gerrit, Everitt and Paul Van Kooten; four sisters: Tillie Van Klaveran, Hattie Van Arkel, Cornelia Van Steenwyk, Dena Van Kampen and Henrietta Nieuwsma-Rolffs.

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