



Grace Van Weelden

September 7, 1922 - October 2, 2017

Grace Van Weelden, 95, of Oskaloosa passed away Monday, October 2, 2017, at the MHP Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Grace Van Weelden, daughter of Gerrit and Dena Rempe Meppelink, was born September 7, 1922, in Sully, Iowa. Grace attended Sully Christian School where she graduated from eighth grade. The family moved to Oskaloosa in 1936, and Grace graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1941. Grace married Hank Van Weelden January 22, 1942, in Lancaster, Missouri. They made their home on a farm southwest of Oskaloosa. In 1959, Grace began working for Lynn's Poultry; she remained there for 21 years, working as a bookkeeper for the last several years. She later worked for Zeigler Construction as a bookkeeper, and she finished her working career as a bookkeeper with the Oskaloosa Christian School. Grace was a member of the First Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, counted cross stitch, crossword puzzles, reading and watching the Chicago Cubs.

Her family includes a daughter and son-in-law, Donna Joyce and Gene Frisby of Pella; a son and daughter-in-law, Henry W. (Willie) and Bonnie Van Weelden of New Sharon; six grandchildren: Kim and Randy Smith of Marshalltown, Michael and Ann Dieleman of Kansas City, MO, Kristy and David Trzeciak of Polk City; Valerie and Brendan Terpstra of Pella, Jennifer

and Jeff Baham of San Jose, CA and Melissa and Charlie Bowen of Oskaloosa, IA; fifteen great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents, Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Hank, a brother, John Meppelink and two sisters, Klazina Fopma and Eva Schinkel.

Funeral Services for Grace will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, October 5, 2017, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa with Rev. Paul Hoekstra officiating. A family prayer service will precede the funeral at 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of the church. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m., Wednesday at the Langkamp Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa. The family will be at the funeral chapel from 5-7 p.m. to greet visitors. Memorials may be made to the Oskaloosa Christian School Music Department. Memories and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting the online guestbook at gvlfuneralchapel.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Van Weelden*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

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“ Don Bouma from Denver

Sorry to hear about Grace. We played many an hour of cards especially when the fields were to wet to plow. I also brought food and ate with her in her apartment. What she liked to eat - I left. What she did not I took to my motel. Then Willie came in to play cards. She was a very good farm wife and fried fish. I say she was well trained to be in church when ever the doors were open. I sure miss the funerals in Osky and especially this one. There will be many sandwiches served at the church. My mom was 95 and served 130 plates at Bethel church. I know this to be a celebration for the christian as Grace certainly was.

Oh yes. Grace had a health problem no one could solve. She went to Mayo Clinic. I knew the day and was concerned during a Fellowship lunch. The christian cowboy there had several come forward for healing prayer. So I went to stand in for Grace as she went to mayo that very day. I saw the lady next have her leg extended. I went home to phone Ernie as they passed that way - no answer. That summer I went home and saw Grace and ask about her problem. "Funny thing" she said it went away. I said that is very nice not saying anything of the miracles that noon. I was so glad and just praise God.

Marilyn and i are stuck at home as she broke a hip , had a slight stroke and lives in a wheelchair while I cook and feed us. I walk slow with a cane, shop and cook- leaving her shower to another helper. Two daughters in town are great with food dishes delivered often. Without this tie down I would probably be in Osky and eat another supper with Grace.

So long Willie, Bonnie and Joyceeeee and Hubby. have a delightfull visitation at her service, as I know you will. You will probably need extra chairs.

Don Bouma - October 24, 2017 at 04:38 AM

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“ ‘Auntie’ Grace, your smile and loving nature will be very sorely missed. Always a quiet supporter through all that happened, and reminding me of God’s love and promises. Til I see you again and can enjoy radishes with you. Be proud of the strong woman and Christian that she was.

Shelly Boender Grubbs - October 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Garland - October 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM