



Henrietta Aalsburg Groenenboom

April 9, 1924 - April 2, 2019

Henrietta Aalsburg Groenenboom died April 2, 2019, at the age of 94 years 51 weeks at Northern Mahaska Specialty Care in Oskaloosa, Iowa, where she had been a resident since September 2014.

Henrietta was born on April 9, 1924, on a farm near Stark's Station, Mahaska County, Iowa, to Antonie and Minnie MacDaniel Aalsburg. Her family later moved to a farm near Kirkville, Iowa where the family lived for the 12 years Henrietta attended school. She graduated from Kirkville High School in 1941.

Henrietta then attended Murphy's Business School in Oskaloosa. She joined her sister Gretta in Kansas City where they both worked for the Chase Bag Company. She returned to Oskaloosa and worked at Alsop's Department Store for several years.

On February 18, 1948, she married Wilbur Groenenboom at the Eddyville Reformed Church. Henrietta and Wilbur set up housekeeping on a farm one and one-half miles north of Oskaloosa where she resided the rest of her life.

Henrietta started her community involvement by serving as secretary of the West Center School Board (a one-room country school, K – 8th Grade) from 1949 until the school closed in 1966. The district was taken in by the Oskaloosa School District.

She was active at Lacey United Methodist Church as a Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher, leadership roles in the Bible School program, United Methodist Women and the church board. She held various leadership roles at the District level of UMW.

Volunteers in Mission, short term mission trips sponsored by the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church, took her to Mexico, various islands in the Caribbean, Alaska, and Russia. She led VIM trips to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky and UMCOR in Louisiana and Chatham IL. She was known by all who traveled with her for her willingness to try anything once and her cooking skills, especially her homemade “sticky buns”. She said “outside of raising my family, the mission trips and being a short term mission volunteer were the most rewarding part of my life.”

Henrietta was active in the Osklowa chapter of People-to-People, hosting numerous international visitors in her home and made a few trips with the group to international destinations.

4-H was an important part of her life while her children were growing up. Henrietta helped form 3 different 4-H clubs – the Madison Sunbeams, the West Center Fireballs and the Mahaska Buddies, a club for handicapped youth. She encouraged her children to try new activities and take leadership roles in 4-H. She received the Mahaska County 4-H Leader Award in 1979.

Master Farm Homemakers, an international farm women’s organization, recognized her for her community activities and leadership. Henrietta was inducted with the Iowa Class of 1980. She went on to be active in the organization on the State and National level as long as she was able.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur, her son Jeffrey, her son-

in-law Mike Clark, her parents and her siblings - Jennie and Anton Knoot, Tunis and Martha Aalsburg, Gretta Aalsburg Lands, and John, who died in infancy.

Henrietta is survived by her children: Joyce (Ray) Smith, St Louis MO, Phyllis Clark, Brandon IA, and John (Karla) Groenenboom, Mesa AZ; 7 grandchildren – Jeremy (April) Smith, Carolyn (Brian) McPheron, Jason (Angie) Clark, Adam (Emily) Clark, Sara (Nathan) Krum, Katherine (Robert) Franklin and Jenny (Nick) White; 13 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins in the United States and the Netherlands; including special cousin, John Aalsburg.

Memorials may be directed to Lacey United Methodist Church, 205 Broadway St, New Sharon, IA 50207 or Imagine the Possibilities, 1701 3rd Ave E, Ste 6, Oskaloosa IA 52577.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Open Visitation

APR 7. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Family Greeting Time

APR 7. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Family Greeting Time

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

APR 8 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Henrietta Aalsburg Groenenboom*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Henrietta's family.. She was my favorite client I have had the privilege of caring for♥ what a wonderful lady..*

Suzy Orton - April 09, 2019 at 08:11 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henrietta Aalsburg Groenenboom.*



April 05, 2019 at 05:47 PM

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“ To all of Henrietta's family & especially to Phyllis. Your Mom was a friendly & hard working lady. Reading her obituary reminded me of all the hours she spent working for 4-H. We are also related thru the Groenenboom's as your Dad & my Mom were 1st cousins. My Mom was Della Groenenboom Meinders & she passed away almost 10 years ago. Also I think both you & I were graduates of Oskey class of '69. I'm married to Rick Vos, we live in Pella, & both of us are retired. We have 3 married kids & 9 grandkids. I volunteer for the chamber of commerce telling visitors about the Oskey & Pella area. It's never easy to say goodbye to loved ones but It's so reassuring to know that one day we'll be reunited with them in heaven. Praying for all. Carolyn Meinders Vos

Carolyn Meinders Vos - April 04, 2019 at 10:29 PM

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“ I always enjoyed visiting with Henrietta when she would stop by the office where I worked. She made delicious pies and rolls that we loved, (but didn't need. She was a goer. She made many trips with "Habitat for Humanity" and I am sure she could swing a hammer with theist of them. /I a, sire the Lordhas plenty of repairs he needs made in Heavenand I am also sure Henritta is up to the job.

Bettie Downey - April 04, 2019 at 04:29 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henrietta Aalsburg Groenenboom.



April 04, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Henrietta Aalsburg Groenenboom.*



April 04, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Henrietta Aalsburg Groenenboom.*



April 04, 2019 at 09:44 AM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Henrietta Aalsburg Groenenboom.*



April 04, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Henrietta Aalsburg Groenenboom.*



April 03, 2019 at 10:13 PM

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“ Keeping everyone in prayer. Henrietta was a wonderful, kind and special woman. Always enjoyed visiting her on the farm and listening to her many stories about her family, family history and all her many adventures. Loved, loved, love her blueberry pie and cinnamon rolls. Henrietta's Scrabble playing was exceptional and I can say that I was able to beat her once, but only once. She will be missed.

Mary Aalsburg and Family

Mary Aalsburg - April 03, 2019 at 03:36 PM



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Polly Hall - April 03, 2019 at 02:43 PM