



Mildred Irene De Zwarte

January 8, 1929 - September 20, 2016

Mildred De Zwarte, 87, of rural Oskaloosa passed away Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at UnityPoint Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Mildred Irene De Zwarte, daughter of Henry and Bertha (Roorda) Brummel, was born, January 8, 1929, at her parent's home in rural Leighton. She attended country school near Leighton. She married Ray De Zwarte, February 24, 1948, at her father's home. Mildred and Ray began their life together on a farm near Durham, Iowa, a small town in SE Marion County. In 1972, they moved to a farm three miles east of Eddyville and in 1990, they retired to an acreage, south of Oskaloosa. Mildred was an outstanding farm wife; she was a wonderful homemaker and mother to four children, and also helped her husband with the farming operation as needed. Mildred was a member of the Harrison Homemaker Club and a 4-H leader for many years. She believed children should be taught the life skills of cooking, sewing and homemaking, but what was more important to her, was that her children and grandchildren all know and accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Mildred was baptized and made her Profession of Faith as a teenager at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Leighton, Iowa. She later moved her membership to Third Reformed Church in Pella and in 1972, she joined Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. Mildred's passion was for children and taught Sunday school and Bible School for many years. Mildred was a very creative person, she made quilts for each of the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and together, she and Ray designed and created many

woodworking projects for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mildred was also the designated “craft person” for Central’s Bible School, planning and providing the raw materials the children used to create their unique projects. Left to cherish her memory are her family, including Ray of Oskaloosa; her children and their spouses: Sherril and Bob Postma of Knoxville, Debra and Stan Gray of Murray and Rick and Diane De Zwarte of Eddyville; ten grandchildren: Rob (Suzanne) Postma of Siren, WI, Shannen (Adam) Cahill of Knoxville, Tyler Baitzer of Des Moines, Emily (Brad) Foss of Kildeer, IL, Kylie (Adam) Wroblaski of Madison, WI, Brandon (Laura) Gray of Cedar Falls, Lacey (Dave) Asplund of Austin, TX, Ryan (Kristy) De Zwarte of Oskaloosa, Ashley (John) Muhleman of Eddyville, and Cody De Zwarte of Oskaloosa; 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. She is also survived by her brothers: Howard (Nancy) Brummel of Monroe and Jim (Marilyn) Brummel of Oskaloosa. Those who welcomed her home to Heaven were her parents; a daughter Donna Baitzer who passed away in 1992; seven sisters: Ada Olson, Edna Klein, Bernice Goemaat, Clara Lanser, Esther Bensink, Virginia Simons and Anna Groenendyk, and a brother, Virgil Brummel.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mildred Irene De Zwarte*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Sending our sincere sympathy, Sheri & Bob.*

Paul - September 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mildred Irene De Zwarte*

Kayla Davis - September 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear dear Mildred how you will be missed. You were the perfect mother and wife. I remember when Donna and I would ride the bus home after school and you would have an after school snack of tuna salad sandwiches waiting. I remember your whole family enjoying evenings together playing games and your putting me on a board on top of a log and blindfolded me then supposedly lifted me up. That was such a hoot. You taught your children well Mildred. I was always so jealous of the clothes that Donna and Sheri would make and wear to school. I shall never forget your love of family and church and even me. RIP, God Bless you and give Donna a hug for me. I shall never forget you and Ray and the kids.*

Kayla Davis - September 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am so sad to hear of Mildred's passing! I know she is with her savior, but on earth, I will miss her smile! She was a great person to work with a VBS through the years. May the Lord bless you, her family. Sincerely, Leroy and Karen Rouw*

Karen Rouw - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

Garland - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM