



Dora Van Wyk

January 15, 1930 - December 15, 2020

Dora Marie Van Wyk, age 90, of Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at the MHP Serenity Hospice House in Oskaloosa, Iowa. She was born on January 15, 1930, in Galesburg, Iowa, the daughter of Leonard and Henrietta (Beyer) Duinink. She attended Rose Hill Country School near Pella through 8th grade. As a young adult Dora made her Profession of Faith at Third Reformed Church in Pella. She was united in marriage to Bernard Vos. Bernard served in the United States Marine Corps and the couple lived in North Carolina near Camp Lejeune. Bernard was killed in action in the Korean War. Dora stayed close with his family for the rest of her life. Upon Bernard's death Dora returned to Iowa and be closer to her family. On September 1, 1956, she was united in marriage to Bernard Van Wyk in Pella, Iowa. To this union three children were born, Harris, Lowell, and Elaine. Following their marriage Dora stayed home to care for her family and home. She did clean homes, babysit, and look after some elderly in their homes, once her children were grown. Their home in Oskaloosa was close to Grant Elementary School and countless kids through the years would spend time at "Grandma Dora's" while waiting for their parents to come home from work. On March 19, 1999, Bernard died. Dora was able to stay in her home until her passing. She was a member of Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. Dora enjoyed staying in contact with friends and family through talking on the telephone and writing cards and letters. She also enjoyed collecting praying hands and poems. She had a servant heart and was a true prayer warrior.

Dora's family includes her children, Lowell E. Van Wyk of Oskaloosa, and Elaine K. Van Wyk of Fremont; a grandson, Steve (Nicole) Van Wyk of Minnesota; two great grandchildren, Kahsen and Lynzae Van Wyk; two brothers and their wives, Glen and Patty Duinink of Monroe and Carl and Connie Duinink of Pella; two sisters in law, Marilyn Duinink of Otley and Dixie Duinink of Pella; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Bernard Vos, and Bernard Van Wyk; a son, Harris L. Van Wyk; three brothers, Donald Duinink, Howard Duinink and Earl Duinink and a sister, Bernace Duinink.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, December 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in the Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa with Reverend Jon Nelson officiating. There will be a family prayer service with Pastor Jon at 12:45 p.m. on Saturday in the east wing of the church. Burial will be in the Oakwood Cemetery in Pella. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and masks will be required for attending a religious public event. The funeral service will be live streamed at the funeral home's YouTube Channel for those wishing to support the family from a distance. Visitation will be held at the Central Reformed Church on Saturday, December 19, 2020 from 10 a.m. until service time at 1:00 p.m. Memorials will be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Cemetery

Events

Oakwood Cemetery

Pella, IA,

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Visitation

10:00AM

Central Reformed Church

815 2nd Avenue East, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

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Funeral Service

01:00PM

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Comments



“ I enjoyed coming over to visit with mom and hearing all you had to say. Always lifted my spirits and put a smile on my face. Thank u Dora. You will be missed



Nicole Abernathy - December 19, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ We share with Lowell and family in the loss of their mother. In past conversations with teammates, Lowell shared the strength and love of Dora, a true Matriarch. Stay strong and keep your memories close to your heart for strength during this difficult time.

Deepest Sympathy,
Trans-lux Family - New York Office.

Trans-lux - December 18, 2020 at 12:50 PM



“ Sincerely, Your Trans-Lux Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dora Van Wyk.



Sincerely, Your Trans-Lux Family - December 18, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ Doris Medlin lit a candle in memory of Dora Van Wyk



Doris Medlin - December 17, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ Dora was a very special lady, always happy and doing for others. She would cheer you up when you stopped in to see her. She will be missed.

Janna Van Roekel - December 18, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ I will miss my Great Aunt Dora.

My mom was the "Black Sheep" of her generation. A divorcee. But Aunt Dora was a Widow and always welcomed us with open arms. Due to the late start she got on a family I was close in age to Lowell and Elaine so we would play together at family parties. My Children loved visiting her more then their Great Grandmother because she greeted them with love and acceptance. Every Child deserves a cool Aunt. For Chris and Marie she was it. She laughed at their antics, but never laughed at them. She demonstrated unconditional love in a world where that was not common. I do not know how Uncle Bernard was lucky enough to marry her but I am glad she became part of the family.

Great Nephew - Brad Handley

Brad Handley - December 20, 2020 at 01:00 AM