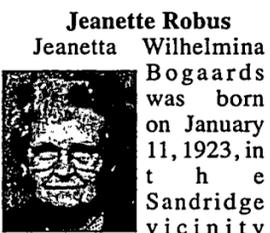


Overleden/Obituaries



Jeanette Robus
Jeanetta Wilhelmina Bogaards was born on January 11, 1923, in the Sandridge vicinity north of Pella, Iowa. She was the sixth of seven children that were born to Abraham and Johanna Van Heukelom Bogaards. Jeanette attended the Sandridge Country Grade School. As a young girl, her mother taught her to be a conscientious housekeeper which she practiced her entire life. On January 4, 1940, she was united in marriage with Norman Hall Robus at Otley, Iowa. To this union four children were born: Janice Arlene, Kenneth Eugene, Duane Ray and Connie Jo. Norman and Jeanette farmed in the Fifield vicinity and near Otley, Iowa all their married life. In 1962, they moved east of Otley where they were living when Norman passed away unexpectedly March 15, 1985, at the age of 66 years. Jeanette and Norman were looking forward to moving into Pella, Iowa the first of April, 1985. Jeanette continued with their plans and moved into 604 West Second Street. Although their lives' plans changed, she adjusted graciously and her attitude never faltered. She never met a stranger and her home was always open. She meticulously and tediously continued doing housework for various families until her death. Jeanette enjoyed going on trips with friends. For many years, she had been a member of the Otley Reformed Church in Otley where she had taught with family night activities and had been a member of the Banner Bearers. Since 1971, she had been a member of the First Reformed Church in Pella where she attended faithfully. On Sunday morning, January 23, 2011, she passed away suddenly in her home

having just recently celebrated her 88th birthday with her family whom she dearly loved.

They are the daughters of the late Janice Beyer Roose, Kimberly and Jim Vande Voort, Tamera and John Van Heukelom, Teresa and John Rietveld and their families; Kenneth and Pam (Roberts) Robus of Eddyville, Iowa and their family Susan and Doug Winegardner, Deborah and Jay Sunderman, Richard Robus and their families; Duane and Lynn (Rimathe) Robus of Pella, and his daughter Amy Wells and her family; Connie and David Milligan of Pella, and their daughters Kristin and Jay Heath, Melissa and Ronald Brown and their families.

Of her original family, Jeanette leaves two sisters: Alberta (Naaktgeboren) Mitchel, presently of Knoxville, Iowa and Bernice (Jake) Sneller of Pella; two sisters-in-law: Faye (William) Bogaards of Pella and Elaine (Raymond) Robus of Heber Springs, Arkansas; along with several nieces and nephews and many friends. Jeanette was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Robus; her daughter, Janice (Willis) Roose; her daughter-in-law, Pamela (Kenneth) Robus; an infant granddaughter, Brenda Beyer; her parents: Abraham and Johanna Bogaards; her father-in-law and mother-in-law: John and Jennie De Leeuw Robus and her step-father-in-law, Charles Vander Kolk; three sisters and their husbands: Martha and Peter Doornbal, Rachel (Van Dorland) and William Uitermarkt, Mollie C. and Franklin Brom; her brother, William A.M. Bogaards; along with the following brothers-in-law: Henry Naaktgeboren, Carl Mitchel, Jake Sneller and Raymond Robus. Jeanette spent a lifetime devoted to her family and her friends.

Funeral services were

held on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at the First Reformed Church in Pella. Arrangements were handled by the Van Dyk - Duven Funeral Home.

Robert Foster
Bob Foster, 84 of



Pella, formerly of Storm Lake, passed away Tuesday, January 25th, 2011 at the Long Term Care facility at Pella Regional Health Center in Pella, Iowa.

Bob was born on October 12, 1926 in Marshalltown, Ia. to James Foster & Bernice (Anderson) Foster. He lived in Marshalltown until his freshman year in high school and moved to Union, Ia. to stay with his maternal grandparents. Upon graduating in 1944 from Union, he joined the U.S. Navy where he served 4 years as radioman in Hawaii & Adak, Alaska. After being honorably discharged from the military; he moved back to Union where he and Coleen Clemens were married on Jan. 24th, 1948. To this union, three children were born; two sons, Terry & Scott and daughter Rona.

Bob worked at the Marshalltown Times Republican newspaper office until 1951. He then joined the Iowa State Patrol; first stationed in Parkersburg, Ia. In 1959, Bob transferred to Knoxville, Ia., then to Storm Lake in 1965, where he began his career as a patrol pilot ("Bear in the Air"). Bob worked in Storm Lake until 1983. He then retired, having accumulated over 10,000 hours in the air as a pilot and providing 31 years of patrol service to the State of Iowa. After retirement, he served as a security guard at IBP in Storm Lake and was employed as an insurance adjuster with Grinnell Mutual.

Bob also served as Charter President of the

J.C. Organization in Parkersburg and became a Master in the Mason's Organization. He also was a loyal member of the Elks Lodge in Storm Lake. Bob enjoyed playing golf and cards, boating, photography and spending time in their lake home on the shores of Storm Lake. He also had a strong passion for music and dance. He was known for being a jokester and quite popular for his occasional fly overs with the airplane, and creating his crafty lawn ornament presentation during the holiday seasons throughout the years. He truly loved his family and will be missed by all that knew him.

Bob is preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and son Terry. He is survived by his wife Coleen, son Scott (Mary Jo) Foster of Pella, Ia. and daughter Rona (Donnie) Loss of Algona, Ia, his 7 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Cremation took place per his wishes and a celebration of Bob's life for family and friends was held Saturday, January 29, 2011 at the Van Dyk-Duven Funeral Home in Pella.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Pella Wildlife, 1203 Columbus Street, Pella, Iowa 50219. Attn: Ron DeArmond.

Elizabeth Kroes
Elizabeth Bastiaantje Schep,



daughter of Jacob and Bastiaantje Rozendaal Schep, grew up on a farm in Willege Langerak, Holland. She was born into a family of twelve children--two full sisters and two full brothers and five half brothers and three half sisters. Elizabeth attended the Gereformeerde Kerk in Ziest and made profession of faith in 1934.

On April 25, 1940, Elizabeth was united in

marriage with Willem (Bill) Hendrik Kroes in Schoonhoven, Holland in a ceremony performed by Rev. Joseph Kroes, Willem's brother. To this union five children were born: Evert, Jaap, Tena, Jan, and Bill.

In 1956 Bill and Elizabeth made the decision to move to America seeking a better life for their five children. At the age of forty-four Elizabeth and her husband, Bill, said goodbye to their Dutch family, packed their belongings with their children, and crossed the Atlantic Ocean. They settled in Pella, Iowa, with the help of Harold and Pauline Mathes. Elizabeth worked as a housekeeper for the Pella Nursing Home and Hilltop Manor North for many years.

When Bill passed away on February 25, 1998, they had been married for almost fifty-eight years. Elizabeth and Bill enjoyed taking trips every year. They were able to see much of the United States and return to visit the Netherlands four times. During these trips Elizabeth kept a journal recording all the great things they experienced on these vacations. She especially enjoyed going to see her brother, Gerrit Schep, and his wife, Gerda, in California.

Over the years Elizabeth enjoyed reading, crocheting, knitting, and walking. She has made many afghans and crocheted doilies that she shared with family and friends. Her favorite pastime was playing card games and she so enjoyed playing with her friends and family on a weekly basis. Elizabeth was an active member of the First Christian Reformed Church. After church services every week she enjoyed the company of her family that visited on Sunday mornings. She treated them with her delicious baked goodies.

Elizabeth is survived by her five children: Evert (Barbara) Kroes, Jaap (Jeri) Kroes, Tena (Vernon) Vanden Hoek, Jan (Doug) Van Wyk, Bill (Gae) Kroes; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-seven great grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Willem Kroes; her parents; and all her brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at the First Christian Reformed Church of Pella. Interment took place in Oakwood Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at www.gardenchapel.com.

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