Leona was born on April 8, 1912 in Buckeye, Iowa, the daughter of Jay and Blanche (Stringer) Dougan. Leona was raised and educated in the Whitten, Iowa area graduating from the Whitten High School in 1930. On June 1, 1931 she was united in marriage to G.W. Hertema. Following their marriage they made their home in Hubbard where G.W. was employed at the High School before their move to Green Mountain. She was employed by the Niederhauser Airport for many years and during this time period Leona attained her pilot’s license and became a member of the Nintey-Niners, a women’s pilots organization, and a member of the Airplane Owners and Pilots Association. Leona was active with the Marshalltown Art Association, a member of the Marshalltown Toastmasters, the Central Iowa Parliamentarians, and the Iowa Horticultural Society. Both her and her husband G.W. were long time members of the First Congregational Church. Leona is survived by her brother James (Gertrude) Dougan of Hubbard, Iowa. Her nieces and nephews: Dennis (Jean) Vaughn of Independence, Iowa; Richard (Kathy) Vaughn, of Cumming, Iowa; Chuckie (Darrel) Peterson of Marshalltown; Cathy (Robert) Arthur of Marshalltown; Dee (John) Koch of Gilman, Iowa; Daniel Dougan of Peoria, Illinios; Carole (Ted) Minnick of Bettendorf, Iowa; Darla (Dave) Fiest of Minnesota; Mike Dougan of Arizona; Renae (Eric) Bohling of Radcliffe, Iowa; Kevin (Rita) Dougan of Ames, Iowa; Kelly (Kenny) Kyle of Ames, Iowa; Lana (Melvin) Cahcart; Sherry (Lary) Beenken; Carol Ann Hertema; Mary Sue Hertema; Darrell John (Pat) Hertema. Her sister-in-laws: Lorraine Hertema of Belmond, Iowa and Theone Hertema of Gladbrook,
Iowa. Her god-sons Michael Lynk of Tampa, Florida and Maurice (Mary Beth) Lynk of Green Mountain, Iowa. She is also survived by 31 great nieces and nephews and 31 great-great nieces and nephews. She was preceeded in death by her husband G.W. in March of 1975, her parents Jay and Blanche, her sister Agnes Vaughn and her brother Marion “Bud” Dougan.

Jim Sparks

Born: 11/4/1915
Died: 8/14/2003
Services will be held at: 10:30 AM on Tuesday, August 19, 2003 at the Bangor Liberty Friends Church in Bangor, Iowa with Reverend Keith Haisch officiating
Visitation times are: 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday at the Biersborn Funeral Home in Union, Iowa, where the family will be present to greet friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Jim was born on November 4, 1915 in Marshalltown, Iowa, the son of Floyd and Erma (Carkhuff) Sparks. Jim was raised and educated in the Marshalltown, Timber Creek, Clemons, and Spring Valley, Iowa area graduating from the Liberty Consolidated School in 1933. Jim was activated by the United States Army and served his country during WWII. On January 23, 1949 he was united in marriage to Evelyn Irene Cory. They made their home on the family farm southwest of Union, where he farmed for many years before his retirement in 1993. A short time later they moved to Union. Jim was a member of the Bangor Liberty Friends Church and the American Legion. He was a past member of the Union-Whitten School Board, South Hardin Manor Board, and the Kiwanis Club. Jim is survived by his wife Evelyn, his three daughters: Nancy (Steve) Smith of Guthrie Center, Iowa; Marcia (Neal) Hadden of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Sharon (Jan) Johnson of Union, Iowa; his three brothers: Donald (Mary) Sparks of New Providence, Iowa; Russell (Betty) Sparks of Melbourne, Iowa; John Sparks (friend Teri) of State Center, Iowa; his four sisters: Virginia Clemons of State Center; Maxine (John) Mohr of Marshalltown, Iowa; Nola (LaVern) German of State Center, Iowa; Joanne (Bob) Benner of State Center, Iowa; his Sister-In-Laws: Virgina Sparks of State Center, Iowa; Ina Mae Sparks of Clemons, Iowa; and his nine grandchildren. Jim was preceeded in death by his parents, and his two brothers Floyd and Roger.