

Juanita Gibbs, 70, of Rhodes died Feb. 12, 2003, at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

Services and a celebration of her life was held Feb. 16 at the St. Paul Lutheran church in State Center with Pastor Gary MacManus officiating. She was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery at State Center. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home in State Center was entrusted with Juanita's final arrangements.

Born Juanita Wignall on Oct. 30, 1932, in Marshall County, she was one of four children born to William and Edna (Spencer) Wignall. She received her education in Rhodes and was a member of the Rhodes High School's Class of 1950.

On March 5, 1951, she was united in marriage to Marvin Gibbs, the son of Robert and Gertrude Gibbs. They have called Rhodes their home all their married lives where he and she farmed together and raised their family. Juanita was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center, the Rhodes Historical Society-where she helped with three centennial work and book, the Rhodes Alumni Association, and the Marshalltown Bowler's Hall of Fame. Juanita enjoyed sports, bowling, softball, basketball, and was an avid genealogist and supporter of the Rhodes Community.

Left to mourn her loss are her daughter Nancy (John) Mercer of Rhodes; son Robert (Jody) Gibbs of Chariton; Grandchildren Tina (David) Ecklor of State Center; Michelle (Jason) Helton of Marshalltown; John Michael Mercer of Rhodes, Robert Russell "Rusty" Gibbs at Iowa State University; Raymond Grant Gibbs of Chariton and foster granddaughter Erica Weeces of State Center, six great-grandchildren, her brothers and sister Norma (Merlin) Klaas of State Center, Harlan (Caroline) Wignall of Marshalltown and Robert (Linda) Wignall of Rhodes, and numerous friends and acquaintances.

In death she has rejoined her husband Marvin (1993) and her parents.

WE WILL SINCERELY MISS JUANITA IN OUR COMMUNITY AND HER HELP ON THE PAPER!!

The family of Juanita Gibbs would like to thank our family, friends, and neighbors, who called, visited Mom, offered prayer and support during the hospital stay. To those who helped us through the funeral with their love and support, of food, flowers, cards, and memorial donations. A Special Thanks to Pastor Gary MacManus, for all your visits to the hospital and your prayers and support. To the St. Paul Lutheran Women for serving the luncheon. To State Center Nursing and Rehab Center, Nick Burnett, and MMSC ICU doctors and nursing staff for all their special care of Mom. The Rhodes, Melbourne, and State Center First Responders for being there when we needed you.

John & Nancy Mercer

Bob and Jody Gibbs

Kristina Ecklor & family

Michelle Helton & family

John Michael Mercer

Robert Russell Gibbs

Raymond Grant Gibbs

Erica Weeces & family



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Juanita Gibbs, 70

Juanita Gibbs, 70, Rhodes, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003 at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 17 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Gary MacManus officiating. Burial was at the Hillside Cemetery in State Center. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home of State Center was in charge of arrangements.

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She is survived by her daughter Nancy (John) Mercer, Rhodes; Robert (Joy) Gibbs of Chariton; grandchildren Tina (David) Ecklor of State Center; Michelle (Jason) Helton of Marshalltown; John Michael Mercer of Rhodes; Robert Russell "Rusty" Gibbs at Iowa State University; Raymond Grant Gibbs of Chariton and foster grand daughter Erica Weeces of State Center, six great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Norma (Merlin) Klaas of State Center; Harlan (Caroline) Wignall of Marshalltown and Robert (Linda) Wignall of Rhodes.

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JUANITA GIBBS

Rhodes

Juanita Gibbs, 70, of Rhodes died of a heart ailment Wednesday at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center in Marshalltown. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center, of which she was a member. Burial will be at Hillside Cemetery there.

Mrs. Gibbs was born in Marshall County and had lived in Rhodes all her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the Rhodes Alumni Association and the Rhodes Historical Society. She had been inducted into the Marshalltown Bowlers Hall of Fame and enjoyed sports and genealogy.

She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Mercer of Rhodes; a son, Robert of Chariton; two brothers, Harlan Wignall of Marshalltown and Robert Wignall of Rhodes; a sister, Norma Klass of State Center; five grandchildren; a foster grandchild; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday at Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home in Marshalltown.