

Thursday, June 18, 2009

ELLEN R. THOMPSON GUMMERT, 97

Ellen R. Thompson Gummert, 97, of Marshalltown, died Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at Mitchell Family Funeral Home.



Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to Marshalltown Animal Rescue League or Iowa River Hospice. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home has been caring for Ellen and her family. Ph 641-844-1234.

Ellen Thompson was born on January 28, 1912, at home south of Laurel in Jasper County. She was the daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth (Ceaser) Thompson. She attended school in Jasper County and Marshalltown, graduating from Marshalltown High School. She received her Bachelor of Science from Iowa State University and her Master of Science from Drake University. In 1946, Ellen married Leo Gummert in Marshalltown. The couple later divorced.

Ellen worked as a Home Economics teacher for 42 years, working at Van Cleve, Jamaica, Albion, LeGrand, Monroe, and Newton, where she spent her last 26 years of teaching. She was also Director of School Lunches at Newton. After teaching, she worked at Wal-Mart in the stationery department for 15 years, retiring in 1999. She enjoyed sewing and babysitting her great-grandchildren. Ellen lived on a farm south of Marshalltown until moving into town in 1992.

In April, she moved to Villa del Sol.

Ellen is survived by her two grandchildren, Dana Eller of Iowa City, and Diara (Zac) Olson of Marshalltown; her two great-grandchildren, Taylor Olson of Marshalltown, and Jayden Eller of Marshalltown; her granddogs, Ella, Bubba, and Duke; her special friend, Judy Smith of Garwin, and several nieces and nephews, including one special niece, JoAnn Struebing.

In death, she has rejoined her parents; her daughter, Marjorie Olson; her twin sons in infancy; her sister; her four brothers, and her son-in-law, Robert Olson.

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