

**GLADYS M.
RICKEN, 74**

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Her funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, January 12, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Haverhill with Fr. Don Czaplak officiating. She was laid to rest in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Oratory, the Arthritis Foundation, or Iowa River Hospice. For condolences, please visit www.mitchellfh.com. The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Gladys and her family. Ph 641-844-1234.

Born Gladys Marie Kopel on December 19, 1935, in Marshalltown, she was the daughter of Raymond and Elsie (Stalzer) Kopel. She received her education at St. Mary Parochial School in Marshalltown and St. Joseph Parochial School in Haverhill and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Marshalltown in 1954. After graduation she resided in Washington, D.C. where she was employed by the Department of the Navy.

On June 18, 1956, Gladys was united in marriage to Leo Ricken at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Haverhill. They made their home on the farm northeast of Haverhill. She was employed at Marshalltown Community College – beginning at the former uptown location and moving to the South Center Street campus – from 1973 until her retirement in 1999.

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Gladys was blessed with four children, Kathy (David) Minkel, of Marshalltown, Jim (Lori) Ricken of Haverhill, Joe

(Vicki) Ricken, of Marshalltown, and Kristy (Rick) Wilkening, of State Center; eleven grandchildren, Kelli, Bethany, and Nathan Minkel; Brandon (Jessica) Ricken, Valerie (Jeremy) Corson, and Brian (Stephanie) Ricken; Erin, Stephanie, and Lindsey Ricken; and Savannah and Hunter Wilkening. Also surviving are her six great-grandchildren, Kody, Madison and Colton Ricken, Alexander Corson, and Kaden and Bennett Ricken; her brother Kenneth Kopel of Navarro, Texas; brother-in-law Lawrence (Marian) Ricken of Haverhill, sister-in-law Alice McBride of McKinney, Texas, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In death she has rejoined her husband, Leo, who died on November 8, 1980; her parents, Raymond and Elsie; father and mother-in-law, Ben and Theresa Ricken; sisters-in-law, Irene (Bob) Warden and Patricia (John) Jorgensen; brother-in-law, Roy McBride, and John and Mary (Aunt Mamie) Walkup.

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