

*In  
Loving Memory*



**Gladys Swanson Graham**

<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Into Rest</i>
February 24, 1905	July 30, 2005
Shenandoah, Iowa	Shenandoah, Iowa

*Age*  
100 Years, 5 Months, 6 Days

<i>Life Celebration</i>	<i>Words of Comfort</i>
10:30 A.M.	Reverend Rick Sleyster
Thursday, August 4, 2005	First Presbyterian Church

*Congregational Singing*  
“Come Christians Join to Sing”  
“Our God, Our Help In Ages Past”  
“I Was There to Hear Your Morning Cry”

*Casket Bearers*  
Mel Elsberry - Brian Fyfe - Tim Fyfe  
Leif Hagglund - Tony Mineart  
Paul Simpson - Jerry Simpson

Gladys Clara Swanson Graham, age 100, the daughter of Guy and Nellie (Crawford) Drake was born February 24, 1905, on the Francis Drake Farm near Shenandoah, Iowa, and passed away July 30, 2005, in Shenandoah.

Growing up in the Shenandoah area Gladys attended county schools then graduated from Shenandoah Normal School in 1923. She furthered her education at Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa. In 1928 Gladys was united in marriage to Eugene Hagglund and to this marriage Leland and Eloise were born. Gladys was united in marriage to Oscar Swanson in 1953 and later following his death was married to James Graham in 1983.

Through the years Gladys was employed by public schools in the counties of Page, Fremont and Montgomery, teaching at various country schools and Broad Street School in Shenandoah, where she was principal. She worked hard all of her life beginning with tasks on her parents' farm. To help support herself and her children she also clerked and did other odd jobs. She was known to be frugal and a great “saver”.

Gladys' greatest gifts were her intellectual curiosity, her zest for life, and her work ethic. She was determined, strong-willed and always had an opinion on almost everything. She took great pride in her home and family. She enjoyed traveling, crocheting, doing bead work, making Christmas ornaments, leatherwork, ceramic painting, embroidery work, textile painting, pictures with chalk, and sewing. She was very competitive at playing games and cards and was an avid reader. Gladys also enjoyed growing plants, flowers, and a huge vegetable garden from which her family and friends enjoyed the many jars of food she canned. She was a long time member (60 years) of a women's study club, member of War Mothers and Degree of Honor Lodge, Nautilus Club, Senior Citizens Group and a 65 year member of the Presbyterian Church.

Preceding Gladys in death were her parents; husbands, Oscar Swanson and James Graham; son, Leland Hagglund; sisters, Lois Rutherford, Marjorie Clatterbaugh and Marie Drake; brother, Ernest Drake; twin infant brothers; and an infant sister.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Eloise and Keith Christie of Algona, Iowa; , one grandson, Leif Hagglund of Bloomington, Indiana; 4 granddaughters and their husbands, Jamie and Jerry Simpson of Algona, Kim and Tim Fyfe of Clear Lake, Iowa, Lori and Tony Mineart of Bradenton, Florida, and Julie and Mel Elsberry of Orange City, Iowa. Also surviving are 15 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.



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