

# OBITUARIES

## DEBRA (MRS. DAVID) MCGOWAN, 54

Debra (Mrs. David) McGowan, 54, of rural Gladbrook, died early Tuesday morning, February 24th, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics following a brief illness.



Funeral services were held Friday, February 27th, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Gladbrook with Pastor Robert Doner officiating. She was laid to rest in a private family service at the Maple Hill Cemetery north of Gladbrook. A memorial fund is being established. For condolences, please

visit [www.mitchellfh.com](http://www.mitchellfh.com). The Mitchell Family Funeral Home in Marshalltown is caring for Deb and her family. Ph 641-844-1234.

Born Debra Lea Kroeger on April 8th, 1954, in Marshalltown, she was the daughter of O. Lynn and Clydene (Carter) Kroeger. She graduated from the Gladbrook High School in 1972 and later AIB in 1973.

On August 26th, 1973, she was united in marriage to David McGowan at the Salem Church of Lincoln. The two had their first date on March 25th, 1969 and from then shared nearly 40 wonderful years together. They have always lived in the Gladbrook/Lincoln community where she worked at Casey's while her children were little and the past 17 years at AEA #267 in Marshalltown. Deb treas-

ured her family, especially her grandchildren, friends, singing, scrapbooking, and following Iowa Hawkeye Basketball and Football.

Left to cherish her memory are David, her loving husband of 35 years; three children, Erin (Rob) Rindels of Iowa City, Carrie (Matt) Stasch of Iowa City, Brian (Lindsay) McGowan of North Liberty; five precious grandchildren, Austin and Tyler Rindels, Alexis and Lauren Stasch and Logan McGowan; her siblings, Linda (Mark) Goos of Gladbrook, Nancy (Ron) Boldt of Dysart and Charles (Connie) Kroeger of State Center; her step-father, Elmer Bern and his family; several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

In death she has rejoined her parents and grandparents.

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# Elementary Essay Contest Winners



Pictured are the first and second place winners in the Elementary Essay contest, sponsored by the Harry C. Harter Post #839 Auxiliary. The contest was open to third through fifth graders. Front (left to right) are Jacob Burt, Olivia Ryan, Mitch O'Hare, Kaitlin McDaniel, Shaylee Senethavysouk, and Georgia Porter. Back (left to right) are VFW Auxiliary chair Deloris Clayton, Connie Stansberry, Cheryl Eveleth, Cindi Deike, Gina Graglia, Betsy Buck. Absent was teacher, Mr. Meyer.



**Terri Craft:**

**What is your favorite sport?** Either basketball or golf, it's a toss up

**What is the last movie you watched?** Curious Case of Benjamin Button

**What is your favorite snack food?** Popcorn

**What are you most looking forward to about spring?** Spending time outdoors

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### **Shelly Chandler:**

**What are you most looking forward to about spring?** Spending time outdoors

**What is the best part of your job?**  
The students

**What is your favorite movie?**  
Remember The Titans

**What is your best childhood memory?** When I saw the **MARSHALL**  
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**Aaron Gruver:**

**What is your favorite movie?**

Stepbrothers

**What is your favorite subject?**

Science

**Who is your role model?** Kevin

Durant

**What are you most looking for-**

**ward to about spring?** Playing

basketball

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**Allison Gimbel:**

What is your favorite restaurant in Marshalltown? Taco John's

If you could be any age what would you be? 17, I like my age

Where was the last vacation you took? Minnesota

What is the last movie you watched? The Miracle with my basketball team

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## Engagement Announcement

### Brooke Allison to Jacob Dannen

The announcement is made of the engagement of Brooke Elizabeth Allison to Jacob Dean Dannen, both of Ankeny. The future bride is the daughter of Tina Allison, of LeGrand, and Arch and Kristy Allison, of Fargo, North Dakota. The future groom is the son of Jim and Mary Dannen, of Marshalltown.

The future bride will finish her bachelor's degree in Nursing from Mercy College in December of 2009. She is currently working at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines.

The future groom will finish his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Iowa State in May of 2009. He is currently working at Lutheran Services of Iowa.

A May 30, 2009, outdoor wedding is planned at the bride's grandparent's farm.



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# Wedding Announcement

## Casee and Ben Veren

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Casee Piel and Ben Veren were married September 20, 2008, at First Congregational Church in Marshalltown. Casee is the daughter of Rick and Jeanne Piel, of Creston, and Ben is the son of Bill and Diane Veren, of Clemons.

Maid of Honor was Jessica Beving of Des Moines. Bridesmaids were Tiffany Klehn, of Waukee; Allison Sawyer-Munter, of Spencer; Amanad Veren, of Clemons; Jen Dixon, of Dubuque and Treva Lee, of Chicago.

Best Man was Bret Veren of Clemons. Groomsmen were Justin Whitaker, of Clemons; Marty Malloy, of State Center; Steve Hoffman, of Marshalltown; Chris Piel, of Overland Park, KS, and Andy Meckley of Davenport. Flower girls were *Amanda* and Taylor Hoffman, of Marshalltown. Ring Bearer was Blaedyn Benscooter, of Marshalltown.

Ushers were Cole Kralik, of Greeley, CO; Derek Billman, of Marshalltown; Alex Veren, of Albion and Zack Veren, also of Albion.

A reception was held at the Midnight Ballroom in Marshalltown. Honored guests were Virginia Antidel, Larry Antidel, Ron and Marlene Piel, Marilyn Veren and Dorothy Billman.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Buena Vista University and is currently employed as a Police Officer at the Marshalltown Police Department.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Iowa State University and is currently employed as a sheriff's deputy with the Marshall County Sheriff's office. Following the wedding the couple honeymooned in Isla Mujeres, Mexico.





# Patriot Pen Winner



The Patriot's Pen is a contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #839 and its Ladies Auxiliary. Pictured left to right are, Ann Kuhlman, teacher, Therese Kuhlman, who was our first place winner and she also won the Third District contest, Linda Tasler, VFW Chairman, Jamie Flynn, 2nd place winner from West Marshall and her teacher Betsy Buck. Therese is a home-schooled student from Marshalltown. Students wishing to participate in this contest must be in grades 6, 7 or 8. They must write a paper on a specific theme. Next year's theme is "When is the Right Time to Honor Our Military Heroes?" It must be at least 300-400 words in length. Call Linda Tasler for further information at 752-6939. MARSHALL CO SUN 5 MAR 2009

# Voice of Democracy Winner

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #839 and its Ladies Auxiliary are pleased to announce the winners of their Voice of Democracy contest. It is open to students in grades 9-12. Pictured is Philip Kuhlman, center who won the local contest and also was the winner of District Three. He competed on the state level with nine other students. Pictured with Philip are Ann Kuhlman, teacher and Linda Tasler, right, local chairman of the contest. Brittany Feltner, a BCLUW student, was the 2nd place winner. For those students who might be interested in college scholarships, our top national prize is \$30,000! Our theme for next year is "Does America Still have Heroes?" Prizes are awarded locally, district, state and nationally. Write a paper on the theme and then you must record a 3-5 minute cassette or CD. Call Linda Tasler at 752-6939 or Laurel Phipps at 753-5157 for more information.

# BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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## AvaLynne Marie Harding

Tina Marie Walters-Harding and Gary Harding Jr. are proud to announce the arrival of AvaLynne Marie Harding, who was born February 17, 2009, at 5:25 p.m. at Mary Greeley Medical Center in Ames, Iowa. AvaLynne Marie weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 21.5 in. long at birth. Mother, father, and baby are all doing fine!



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Preceding her in death in addition to her parents were her mother and father-in-law Hans T. and Bertha Hansen; her nephews, Rick Andersen, David Schroeter and Scott Andersen; her brothers-in-law, Don Jespersen and Dennis Hansen; and her sister-in-law, Delores Andersen.

Survivors include her husband of almost 51 years Eugene N. Hansen of Exira, Iowa; her children, Julie and husband Allan Nissen, Thomas E. Hansen; Linda Hansen all of Exira; Mary and husband Burt Blom of Marshalltown, Iowa; and Todd Hansen of Elk Horn, Iowa; her grandchildren, Jill and husband Glen Cornell of Windsor Heights, Iowa; Jennifer Nissen of Exira; Jaime Nissen and fiancé Cole Christensen of Audubon, Iowa; Daniel Blom, David Blom and Stephen Blom all of Marshalltown; her brother and sisters, Robert and wife Betty Andersen of Des Moines, Iowa; Richard and wife Margaret Andersen of Brayton, Iowa; Dorothy Jespersen of Rogers, Arkansas; Harvey and wife Carol Andersen of Bayonne, New Jersey; and Bertha and husband Darrell Schroeter of Exira; her brothers-in-law Leon and wife Cheryl Hansen of Jacksonville; and Jerry and wife Sherry Hansen of Harlan, Iowa; numerous nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tony Ede on Friday, February 20, 2009, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, Iowa. Interment followed in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton. Kessler Funeral Home in Exira, IA handled the arrangements.



## GrimesFarm Art Exhibit On Display Through March

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Jim Weidle, of Fairfield, currently has a display of his art work at the GrimesFarm & Conservation Center, 2359 233rd Street, through the end of March. His work has been exhibited extensively and is featured in numerous collections. The GrimesFarm Conservation Center is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and beginning March 7 on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

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## DONNA LIESER, 82

Donna Lieser, 82, of the Iowa Veterans Home, formerly of Eldora, died Saturday morning, February 28th, with her family at her side.



Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 4th 2009, at the Iowa Veterans Home Chapel. She was laid to rest in the Eastlawn Memory Gardens in Eldora. For condolences, please visit [www.mitchellfh.com](http://www.mitchellfh.com). The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Donna and her family. Ph 641-844-1234.

Born Donna Warman on March 26th, 1926, in Union, Iowa, she was the daughter of Clarence and Eva (Vest) Warman. Donna graduated from the Union High School's Class of 1944.

On August 29th, 1947, she was united in marriage to Harris Joseph Lieser at Grundy Center. They farmed near Eldora most of their lives and for a time at Albion. Donna sold insurance for Royal Neighbors and was a receptionist at the Eldora Hospital. She was a former member of the Rebekah Lodge in Eldora and currently of the 1st United Methodist Church in Marshalltown.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Deborah (Steve) Cordes of Marshalltown, Rebecca (the late Larry) Heck of Eagle Grove, Iowa, Peggy (Ron) Huffman of Marshalltown and David (Kari) Lieser of Coalville, Iowa; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In death she has rejoined her husband; her parents; grandsons, Jason and Scott Cordes; great-granddaughter Dakotah Marie Fevold and son-in-law, Larry Heck.

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## RICHARD GRANT THOMAS, 70

Richard Grant Thomas, age 70 of Marshalltown, passed away Friday, February 27, 2009, at Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center in



Marshalltown. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 4, at Pursel Davis Funeral Home. Burial was held in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens at 9:00 A.M., Thursday, March 5, 2009. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [vogel-funeralhomes.com](http://vogel-funeralhomes.com). Pursel Davis Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Richard Grant Thomas was born May 10, 1938, in Albion, Iowa, the son of Clarence and Mary (Nelson) Thomas. He was raised and educated in Albion graduating from Albion Consolidated School. He worked at Marshalltown Manufacturing (Marshalltown Instruments) until its closing. He later worked at the Iowa Veterans Home, first as a custodian and then as a resident treatment worker, until his retirement.

He married Shirley

Louise Eubanks on March 8, 1958, in Marshalltown, Iowa. They were married close to 47 years. She passed away February 8, 2005. Richard later married Viola Elizabeth Dague on November 21, 2006.

Richard enjoyed fishing, gardening, bird watching, tinkering with electronics and machinery and spending time on the computer playing games. His newest hobby was FaceBook with the grandchildren. He had a big heart and was always willing to help anyone. He was especially proud of, and enjoyed spending time with, all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and was fond of giving them his famous "big bear hug".

Richard is survived by his three daughters, Carol (John) Ward of St. Anthony, Eileen (Edward) Biehn of Ames, Penny Ferriss of Marshalltown; grandchildren, Staci (Greg) Pklapp; Shannon (Jeremy) Jacobsen, Douglas Biehn, Nick (Jen) Ferriss, Greg Ferriss, Matt Ferriss; great-

grandchildren, Kamryn, Carter, Madilynn, McKenzie, Nickayla and the newest to arrive in August; his second wife, Viola (Liz); sisters and brothers, Marlys Keeler, Dorothy (Bob) Sutherland, Margaret (Dan) Vanatta, Sherry Lloyd, Patty (Gary) Hanegan, Robert (Marcia) Thomas, Marvin (JoAnn) Thomas and Tom Cavanaugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley, brother Paul, and infant grandson.

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## KATHRYN A. ENGEL, 94

Kathryn A. Engel, 94, of Ames, Iowa, formerly of Marshalltown, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, Feb 25, 2009, at the Green Hills Health Care Center in Ames, Iowa.



A funeral service was held on Monday, March 2, at The First Congregational Church, 312 W Main St, Marshalltown, Iowa. A burial service was conducted at at the Riverside Cemetery, 611 N Center St, in Marshalltown. For condolences, please visit [www.mitchellfh.com](http://www.mitchellfh.com). The Mitchell Family Funeral Home is caring for Kathryn and her family, phone 641-844-1234.

Born Kathryn A. Wagaman in Lynnville, Iowa, on Oct. 19, 1914, she was the daughter of Fred and Ada Wagaman. She was the fifth of eight children, Minerva, Willard, Herbert, Charles, Harris, Claire, and Robert. She was the last surviving one. She received a two year Teaching Certificate from Iowa State Teachers College (now UNI) and a Bachelors Degree from Drake University. She taught grade school for 18 years in cen-

tral Iowa schools. She was married to Paul M. Johnson, a teacher, coach and business man who died in 1953. She later married Raymond A. Engel, an executive at Fisher Controls, who passed away in 1986.

She was an active community leader in Marshalltown, serving on the YMCA Board and being an active member of the First Congregational Church, Elmwood Country Club and the Legion Golf Course. She also belonged to local chapters of Theta Chi and PEO.

In Ames she was a very active supporter of Iowa State University athletics and was named Cy's Favorite Alum in 1993. She and Raymond were also dedicated to helping the Mechanical Engineering Department and she continued this support after his death. Kathryn received the ISU Honorary Alumna Award in 2005.

Before she became ill she enjoyed golf and bridge and was a talented creator of needlepoint and knitting projects.

Kathryn is survived by her son, Dale A Johnson, and his wife, Janice, of Mahtomedi, Minnesota; three granddaughters, Beth Byron of Portland, Oregon, Jean Hornnes of Lakeville, Minnesota and Julie Sexson of Mahtomedi, Minnesota; and seven great-grandchildren.

Because of Kathryn's continued interest in learning - donations may be given to Friends of the Marshalltown Public Library, 105 West Boone Street in Marshalltown, 50158.

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**GRAHAM M.  
"GRAY" CONDIE, 84**

Graham M. "Gray" Condie, 84, of Marshalltown, died Thursday, February 26, 2009.

Graham M. Condie was born on September 21, 1924, in Seattle, Washington. He was the son of Graham A. and Ethel (Gamble) Condie. Gray graduated from MIT in 1948 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and later received a MBA from Harvard University. Gray served our country



honorably in the United States Navy. On August 18, 1951, he married Louise Diem in Chicago, Illinois.

Graham was transferred to Marshalltown in 1964 and served as President of Marshalltown Manufacturing Company for 13 years. After retiring, he owned E and F Quick Print from 1979-1994. He was a member of Elmwood Country Club and the ACBL Bridge Club. He enjoyed collecting stamps, golfing, playing bridge, watching all sports, and especially enjoyed family activities.

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Gray is survived by his wife, Louise; his children, John (Wanda Ellingson) Condie of Durango, CO, William (Lisa) Condie of Freeport, IL, Steven (Carol) Condie of Naperville, IL, Kristin (Hossein) Tolooee of Niwot, CO, and Thomas (Cathy) Condie of Minneapolis, MN; his sister, Frances Condie, of Seattle, WA; his 11 grandchildren; and his one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, and his in-laws, William and Sophie Diem.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 2nd, 2009, at Mitchell Family Funeral Home. Burial will be at a future date. Memorials may be directed to the Marshalltown Public Library. For condolences, please visit [www.mitchellfh.com](http://www.mitchellfh.com). The Mitchell Family Funeral Home has been caring for Gray and his family. Ph 641-844-1234.

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**EMMA JEAN  
PROPP, 76**

TAMA-Emma Jean

Propp, age 76, a resident of St. Francis Manor in Grinnell, formerly of Tama died Thursday, February 26, 2009, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines following a lengthy illness. Funeral Services were held Monday, March 2, 2009, at Kruse-Phillips



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Funeral Home in Tama with Pastor Dewey Grimes officiating. Interment followed at Center School Cemetery in rural Marshalltown.

Emma was born on December 25, 1932, in Marshalltown, Iowa, the daughter of Clarence and Nellie (Cavaugh) Russell. She graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1952.

She married Blaine Wagoner on March 30, 1955 in Toledo, Iowa. They later divorced. On November 9, 1957, she married Elmer Ray Propp in Adel, Iowa. Emma worked as a nurse's aid at many facilities. She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary. Her hobbies included fishing, camping, reading romance novels, and crafts. She also enjoyed car rides and country western music. Her greatest enjoyment was spending time with her grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Elmer on December 1, 2006; and one brother, Lyle Russell.

Survivors include eight children, Cindy Feisel of Tama, Vicki Vargas of Tama, Ed Propp of Guernsey, Dale Propp of Tama, Tim Propp of Tama, Juanita (Jesse) Sandoval of Tama, Denny Propp of Anamosa, and Charlene Ramirez of Tama; sixteen grandchildren; and nineteen great-grandchildren; two brothers, Art (Lottie) Russell of Marshalltown, and Chuck (Kay) Russell of State Center; two sisters, Ida (Glenn) Phillips of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Katie (Dick) Niederhauser of Waterloo.

A memorial fund has been established.



Zach Thompson, Freshman  
Major: Education  
Hometown: Marshalltown, IA  
High School: Marshalltown



Cody Anderson, Freshman  
Major: Liberal Arts  
Hometown: Waukon, IA  
High School: Waukon



Josh Caffrey, Freshman  
Major: Liberal Arts  
Hometown: Burlington, IA  
High School: Burlington



Billy Meacham, Sophomore  
Major: Liberal Arts  
Hometown: Sioux City, IA  
High School: North



Luke Putz, Sophomore  
Major: Accounting  
Hometown: Lacona, IA  
High School: SE Warren



Travis Rupert, Sophomore  
Major: Sports Medicine  
Hometown: Sun Prairie, WI  
High School: Sun Prairie



T.J. Werner, Freshman  
Major: Pre-Law  
Hometown: Burlington, IA  
High School: Burlington



Tyler Fehringer, Freshman  
Major: Secondary Education  
Hometown: Lincoln, NE  
High School: Lincoln  
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