

## **Gladys G. Patten-Bridges-Michalski, 88**

**July 22, 1929 - Dec. 13, 2017**

**COUNCIL BLUFFS** – Gladys G Patten-Bridges-Michalski was born on July 22nd, 1929 in Westphalia, to Stephen and Johanna Coenen-Patten.

She was baptized, received her First Holy Communion and was confirmed at St. Boniface Church in Westphalia. She attended grades 1 through 12 at St. Boniface School.

Gladys was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church of Council Bluffs for 42 years. She sang with the church choir for over 20 years and with the citywide choir for a number of years. In 1979 Gladys had the distinction of being one of the choir members chosen to sing for Pope John Paul II on his trip to Des Moines.

She was a member of St. Ann's Altar and Rosary Society in which she served as Secretary for two years and President for four years.

Gladys passed away on December 13th, 2017 at Oakland Care Manor in Oakland.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Russell (Rusty) C. Bridges, in 1983, and second husband Severin (Vern) Michalski in March 2008. She was also preceded in death by her oldest son, Thomas R. Bridges in May 2008, three brothers Linus Patten, Emil Patten, and Anthony Patten, four sisters Regina Gessert, Kathryn Frieze, Rosemary Michalski and Corsina Sterzinger.

Surviving Gladys is one brother, Harold (Mary Lou) Patten, three sons: John (Linda) Bridges of Pine Hill, NJ, James (Dennise) Bridges of Council Bluffs, and Mark (Pamela) Bridges of Omaha, NE; two daughters Debra (Roger) Driver of Underwood, and Mary Sue (Will) McGee of Paris, AR.; one daughter-in-law Ruby (Thomas) Bridges of Underwood; 20 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Gladys is also survived by six step-sons, Craig Michalski of Ashland, NE; Vaughn (Sandy) Michalski of Blair, NE; Drew (Lin) Michalski of Omaha, NE; Severin Michalski of Crescent; Blake (Diane) Michalski of Omaha, NE; Brett (fiance Vickie Gill) Michalski of Spotsylvania, VA; three step-daughters Dola Mehsling, Dene Schwartz of Council Bluffs; Karna (Fred) Swirbul of Gilbert, AZ; many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held at 6 p.m. at Cutler O'Neill Funeral home Dec. 17. Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m. Dec. 18 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs with internment at St. Joseph's Cemetery. Luncheon was served at the St. Peter's Social Hall immediately following the graveside service.

Memorials are directed to St. Peter's Church and to Oakland Manor for all of the excellent care she received.



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