

Betty Rueschenberg, 79

Sept. 25, 1923 - Jan. 9, 2003

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Betty Louise Rueschenberg was born Sept. 25, 1923, in Council Bluffs, to William and Hilda (Feekin) Franz. She previously lived in Havelock, NE, and Fort Wayne, IN. She was a 1942 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. She was a secretary and did clerical work for various companies. She was a member of Saint John Lutheran Church since the 1950's.

She was previously married to Glen M. Gittins in the 1940's and they had a son, Larry Gittins, Sr. She died Jan. 9, 2003, at Alegent Health Mercy Hospital, Council Bluffs, at age 79.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Quentin Rueschenberg, formerly of Westphalia, in May of 1985. Survivors include one son, Larry G. Gittins, Sr. and fiancée, Mary L. Mitchem of Council Bluffs; three grandchildren, Larry Gene Gittins, Jr., (Now Blake A. Steenbock) of Council Bluffs, Lynette A. Rechkemmer (Brian) of Troy Mills and Lynn A. Gittins of Council Bluffs; one sister, Eleanor Goldin (Bob) of Omaha; one brother, William Franz (Beverly) of Council Bluffs; two sisters-in-law, Vi Stevenson of Omaha and Lee Sharp of Waterloo; brother-in-law, Delbert Rueschenberg (Ann) of Westphalia; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 2003, at Saint John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jim Munson officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park. Casket bearers were Gerry Rueschenberg, Ed Rueschenberg, Frank Rueschenberg, Joe Rueschenberg, Eli Stevenson and Leonard Binstock.