

**ROHR, MARY LUCILLE**

Birth

January 12, 1925 in Leon, Iowa

Death

February 8, 2020 at Davenport, Iowa

Cause of Death

Died peacefully in her sleep

Cemetery Lot

Row 6, Space 8 in the New Addition

Maiden Name

Gatton

Father

Ralph Joseph Gatton

Mother

Mary Augusta Boyce

Marriage

Mary to James Rohr on August 15, 1987

Census

1925 –

1930 – Eden Twp., Decatur Co., Iowa; ED7; Page 2A; April 4 – 7, 1930  
Dwelling 29; Family 29

Gatton, Ralph J.	34	Farmer	IA	IA	IA
Mary A.	34		IA	NY	IA
Roger L.	10		IA	IA	IA
Mary L.	05		IA	IA	IA
Orville L.	02 1/12		IA	IA	IA



1940 – Eden Twp., Decatur Co., Iowa; ED27-8; Page 2A; April 27, 1940

Family 28

Gatton, Ralph J.	45	Farmer – Agriculture	IA
		Living in Same house in 1935	
Mary A.	45		IA
Roger L.	20	Farmer	IA
Mary L.	15		IA
Orville L.	12		IA

Obituary

[Des Moines Register, Sunday February 16, 2020, Page 24A]

WINTERSET – Mary Lucille (Gatton) (Hammer) Rohr passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 8, 2020 at Senior Star in Davenport, Iowa. Mary was born on January 12, 1925 in Leon, Iowa to Ralph and Mary Gatton. She had two brothers, Roger and Orville and was the middle of the three children. She grew up on a farm in the Leon area. After attending high school, she went to normal training and began teaching in a one room school house in Decatur County.

She later became a Nurse with the Air guard and received her training at Iowa Methodist in Des Moines, graduating on March 6, 1948, Her starting pay was \$15.00 a month and after 3 months she received a raise, making her pay \$20.00 a month for the rest of her training!

During this time period she married Charles Hammer, on September 28, 1947, at Leon Christian Church. The marriage produced two sons; Keith (Rita) Hammer of Bettendorf Iowa and Mark (Elaine) Hammer of Baxter Iowa. She helped her husband run the family farm in Baxter, and later in Russell. While living in Russell, she was also a full-time and then part-time charge nurse at the Chariton Manor, working nights for several years. Mary was divorced from Charles in 1981, and she married James Rohr on August 15, 1987. She moved with Jim to the Winterset area shortly after the wedding where she was active in her Methodist church and with her quilting group at the art center If Mary wasn't found at home, you knew she was probably at the Arts Center in Winterset.

Her hobbies were sewing, quilting, tating, and travelling with her family. Her fondest memories were the many trips she took with Keith and Rita, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Left to cherish those times are grandsons: Keith II (Laura), their children, Keith III, Ethan, and Andrew of Cedar Rapids; grandson Alex (Jeanne), their children, Emily, Abigail, Alex II, and Cayleigh of Bettendorf; Jeremy (Kelly) and step great-grandchildren Kaytlyn, Blake and Jeremy and a step great-grandson Chase all of Davenport. She also had many friends that were like family to her and for her. She was very proud of all of her family's accomplishments, and enjoyed them immensely!

She was preceded in death by Jim in 2008, her parents, her brothers, Orville and Roger, and sister-in-law Rosetta (Roger). In addition to the immediate family, she is also survived by a sister-in-law, Marianne Gatton of Eldora, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Mar had deep faith and devotion, and a strong connection with her Lord. That provides comfort to all of us knowing that she is at peace, but she will still be missed by all. Services and a celebration of her life will be held on a future date.

Caldwell Parish

Funeral Home & Crematory  
Winterset Chapel

Misc.

United States Cadet Nurse Corps

Mary Lucille Gatton, Route 3, Leon, Decatur Co., Iowa  
School of Nursing, Iowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa  
Cadet's age on date of admission to Corp: 20  
Date of birth: January 12, 1925  
Date of admission to school: March 5, 1945  
Graduation: March 5, 1948