

## Ella Mae Reben Gibson

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Ella Mae Reben Gibson, 79, of Tama, died Saturday, April 9, 2011, at her home under the care of Hospice of Mercy.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Tama with Pastor John Janke officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Tama.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established.

Ella Mae was born Nov. 3, 1931, in Rosetta, Ark., the daughter of Emmett and Lora Smith Reben. In 1937, the family moved from Arkansas to Iowa. Ella Mae attended rural schools through the eighth grade and graduated from Tama High School in May 1949. Ella Mae graduated from Evangelical School of Nursing, Marshalltown in 1952, and was employed as a medical-surgical nurse, operating room nurse and office nurse for a surgeon until her marriage.

On Feb. 22, 1959, she was united in marriage with Wayne Gibson and the family operated a dairy farm for 29 years. Ella Mae was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Tama. She was active in church, school and community activities, taught church school classes for 30 years, was active in nursing associations, Tama County Dairy Association, Ayrshire Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Adult Group and served on the Tama County Extension Council.

Ella Mae is survived by her husband of 52 years, Wayne; six children, Elaine Gibson of Tama, Linda Gibson of Texas, Nancy Gibson of Texas, Gary Gibson of Texas, Joyce Klopp of Daventryport, and Sandra Burton of Grimes; one brother, Emmett Jr. Reben of Pleasant Hill; one sister, Loretta Evans of Ohio; two granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her grandparents; and one sister, Wilma.