Mildred "Millie" Dicken

Mildred "Millie" Dicken, 88, of Tama and formerly of Gilman, died Sunday, June 24, 2012, at Sunny Hill Care Center in Tama.

A celebration of her life will be held 11 a.m. Friday, June 29, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Shane Estes, interim pastor the Gilman United Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will be in Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman.

Visitiation will be held one hour prior to the service on Friday at Smith Funeral Home.

Memorials may be designated to the Gilman United Church of Christ. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

Mildred was born Nov. 16, 1923, near Gilman to John and Elsie Mae Broders Osland. She attended Columbia #7 and Highland #7 rural schools, and graduated from Gilman High School with the class of 1941. Following her education, she helped her parents on the family farm and in 1944 she began working at the Stewart Auto Company in Gilman. In 1946, she was employed as the parts manager for Wiedner Implement Company and then began working for the Gilman school district as a bus driver in 1951.

Mildred was united in marriage with Mahlon L. Dicken on March 19, 1966, at the Dillon Lutheran Church in Dillon, Iowa. She continued to work at the Gilman schools as a custodian and was the head of the transportation department. She retired from the SEMCO school district in 1984 with over 33 years of employment and 500,432 miles of accident-free driving.

She was a member of the Gilman Community Church and the Gilman American Legion Auxiliary.

Mildred is survived by several nephews and nieces and grand nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her brother, Kenneth Osland.