Kathryn Deusler Gillette, 91

Kathryn Deusler Gillette, 91, lost a ridiculously short battle with Father Time, who eventually wins all battles, and passed away quietly in her sleep March 9, 2017. Kay was generous and quietly courageous, as all Midwestern women are. She was a common sight at the Methodist Church suppers, and an even better cook at home. Fortunate are those who received a handmade quilt as a gift, and she was a master at embroidery and needlepoint.

She was also a 50-year member of the Eastern Star, and a longtime member of the Methodist Women's Club. A staunch Cubs and Hawkeye fan, not only was she avidly involved in watching current sports, Kay could argue for or against players and coaches from generations back. She thoroughly enjoyed a good game of cribbage, and basked in the glow of victory when she won.

Kathryn was born April 6, 1925, one of 4 daughters, in Indiana. She grew up near her grandmother's farm in Mishawaka, with many aunts and uncles and cousins. She graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital in 1946 with a degree in Nursing that began a career which spanned 30 years and several states. Delivering babies was always her favorite.

Kathryn married her love, Bert Gillette, in 1965 and lived in Brooklyn, Iowa until a recent move to Arizona. She leaves behind three children, Richard [Jennifer Horne], Kurt [Mary] and Diane [Susan Eppel], and 3 grandchildren, [Milo, Donovan, Nichole Jack]. She also leaves a sister and nephew and many great nieces and nephews.

... She was very appreciative of the Morning Coffee crew, who would drop in to solve the world's problems. Thanks Tim, Bob, Jeff, Germaine, and Debbie!

Mom was loved, and she will be missed.

She will be interred at a later date next to Bert in Forest City, Iowa.