

Mary B. Hatch Gt-R
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Mary B. Hatch, 80, of Grinnell, died Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center in Grinnell with her daughter and husband by her side.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 29, in the Carman Center of the Mayflower Community. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Mayflower Community.

Mary was born on Aug. 3, 1936, in Tulsa, Okla., to Merold Leroy and Mary Emily Wood Williams. The family moved to Canadian, Texas, where she spent her youth and graduated from high school in 1955.

On Jan. 26, 1958, she married Robert Hatch in Canadian. The family moved and traveled extensively around North America, as her husband was a geophysicist in the oil industry.

Mary became a minister for the United Church of Christ later in life, and loved writing and delivering sermons with an academic interface of poetry and writings from many sources. She retired from the United Church of Christ in Riceville, Iowa, and was grateful for her experience with people there who honored and loved her son. She served other congregations in New Hampton and Ionia, Iowa, as well as churches in Kansas.

Mary loved the beauty of nature and the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico. She saw beauty out her window every day, and thrilled at the trees and especially the sunshine. She was an artist and also participated in singing choirs most of her life, most recently with the Charles City Singers.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; her daughter, DeAnna Hatch of Mitchell, SD; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Merle Michael Hatch.