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**Verla Ann Tish**  
**Aug. 25, 1933 - Nov. 1, 2017**

Verla Tish, 84 of Gibson died, Nov. 1, at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City. Services were held Nov. 4 at Gibson Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Sixteen Cemetery, Thornburg. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gibson Presbyterian Church or the Keswick First Responders. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Verla Ann Tish, the daughter of Cecil and Bessie (Lester) Bates, was born August 25, 1933 south of Gibson. She was graduated from Deep River High School in 1950. She was a member of the Deep River State Tournament basketball team.

On Feb. 2, 1953, Verla was united in marriage to Marvin Tish at The Little Brown Church. To this union four children were born, Dennis, Diane, Doug and Dan. Marvin and Verla farmed side by side in the Deep River and Gibson area purchasing a farm near Gibson in 1961. Verla helped on the farm with milking cows, raising chickens and hogs, selling eggs and cream and caring for her many cats. She attended Indian Hills College and obtained her CNA and Med aide license and worked at the North English Care Center for over 25 years. She also worked at Casey's and was requested by many to make their pizza. After

Marvin died she and her family continued their family farming. Verla loved attending the many sporting events of her grandchildren, camped at the Iowa State Fair for over 40 years, was an avid Cubs and Hawkeyes fan and was an all around people person.

Her memory will be cherished by her children, Dennis (Michelle James) of Thornburg, Diane (Lyle) Lamb of North English, Doug (Kelly) Tish of What Cheer, Dan (Marlys Smith) of Gibson; her grandchildren, Brook (Eddie) Lust, Allie Bain, Abbie (Doug) Schaffner, Alexis Lamb, Dakota Huber and Colton Butler; seven great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Verla is preceded in death by her husband, brothers; Eugene Bates, Ronald Bates, Ned Bates, Tom Bates and Gerald Bates, sisters; Agnes Hourihan, Dorothy Bates, Marlene Bates, Margaret Tarvin and Charlene Bates.