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5/27-30/2019 **Gylena B. Pickhardt**

Gylena B. Pickhardt, 96, of Des Moines and formerly of the Grinnell area, died on May 23, 2019, at Valley View Village in Des Moines.

A visitation with the family present was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be designated to the Gylena B. Pickhardt Memorial Fund.

Gylena was born on January 16, 1923, in Searsboro, the daughter of Harry L. and Mammie Iona Mikles Johnson. She was raised in Searsboro and attended school there.

On October 4, 1950, she was united in marriage with Lester L. Pickhardt, in Grinnell. The couple farmed in Sheridan Township for many years. They retired from farming in 1985 and moved to Grinnell. After Lester passed away in 1988, Gylena was married to Donald C. Jones on May 17, 1996, in Grinnell. The couple continued to make their home in Grinnell. Donald died in 2011. Gylena had been a living in Des Moines since 2015.

Gylena enjoyed traveling, socializing with family and friends, shopping, and dancing. She was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Welcome In Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Wanda (Randy) Stoner of Des Moines, and one grandson, Jesse Watt of Montezuma. She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; her son, Lowell Pickhardt in 2016; and two brothers, Lavern and Delno Johnson.

