

## Gladys Burkhart, 93

Gladys Burkhart, age 93, of Victor, died Wednesday, June 21, 2006, at Belle Plaine Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Belle Plaine.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 24, at St. James Lutheran Church in Victor with Rev. Alan Hafner officiating. Interment was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Blirstown.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. James Ladies Aid.

Online condolences may be submitted to the Burkhart family on the Smith Funeral Home website at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com) <<http://www.smithfh.com/>>.

Gladys was born the daughter of Preston and Ella Ebert Hartz on December 28, 1912, near Blirstown. She was baptized in infancy at St. Martins Church near Marengo, and was confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in Blirstown on May 9, 1926. She was raised in Blirstown and graduated from Blirstown High School with the class of 1930.

She was married to Ross Burkhart on August 25, 1933, at Grace Lutheran Church in Blirstown. To this union were born their sons, Eldon and Renald. The couple resided in Blirstown much of their lives before moving to Victor, in 1957. They became members of St. James Lutheran Church in Victor, where Gladys was a member of the St. James Ladies Aid for many years. She was employed at Farmers Savings Bank in Victor and served as a teller.

Gladys is survived by her sons, Eldon (Barbara) Burkhart of Cedar Rapids, and Renald Burkhart of Victor; two granddaughters, Shawna Darden of Denton, Texas and Bethney (Jay) Ford of Senoia, Ga.; four great-granddaughters, Amber Cambridge of Eagan, Minn., Ashley Darden of Denton, Texas, and Siara and Siena Ford of Senoia, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ross, in 1990; and three brothers, Ray, Roy and Virgil Hartz.



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