

Ruth Ann Ashing

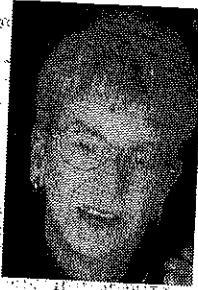
Ruth Ann Ashing, 69, of Gilman died Saturday, June 7, 2008, at her home.

A memorial service was held Thursday, June 12, at the Gilman Community United Church of Christ with the Rev. Dr. Jeff Blackman, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist was Mickey Pickens. Honorary bearers were Bob and Steve Ashing, Bob and Dave Elliott, Michael Grudgings, Jeff, Terry Joe and Tom Harris and Chris, Jay and Jerry Lavender. Interment was in Prairie View Cemetery, rural Gilman. Memorials may be directed to the Gilman Community United Church of Christ or to Gilman First Responders.

She was born Jan. 22, 1939, in Gilman, the daughter of Brook and Thelma McDonnell Lavender. She was raised in Gilman, graduating from Gilman High School with the class of 1958. She was a member of the Gilman High School state basketball tournament team of 1955.

She was married to Roger Kingery, and to this union were born three children, Mark, Scott and Jean. On Sept. 16, 1968, she was united in marriage with Bill Ashing in Omaha, Neb., and to this union was born one daughter, Leslie. They resided in Gilman, operating the Ashing Cafe in the early 1980s. She also operated a food catering service and served as custodian of the Gilman Community Church.

She was a member of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ, serving as a church trustee and a member of its Ladies' Guild. She also was a past president of the Gilman Lions Club and a member of the Grinnell Eagles Auxiliary, the Gilman Firettes, the Gilman American Legion Auxiliary and the Poweshiek County Bowling Association.



She enjoyed touring the country on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle; dancing, listening to country-western bands, crafts, cooking for friends and family, watching children's sporting events, fire conventions, choir, and musical theater events. She also was a 35-year member of the Grinnell Bowling League and celebrated a 289 game.

She is survived by her husband Bill Ashing of Gilman; two sons, Mark Kingery of Gilman and Scott Kingery of Montezuma; two daughters, Jean Snyder of Sidney and Leslie Ashing of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two brothers, Gordon Lavender of Marshalltown and Larry "Butch" Lavender of Mexico, and three sisters, Donna Harris of Marshalltown, Bonnie Haradon of Princeton, Texas, and Mary Ahlberg of Marshalltown. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Kenneth Lavender and one sister Norma Elliott.

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A memorial service for Ruth Ashing will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Gilman Community United Church of Christ. Interment will be at Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman.

The family will be present at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to the Gilman First Responders or to the Gilman Community United Church of Christ.

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