

Gladys Burggraaf, 86

Gladys Burggraaf, 86, of Deep River, died Friday, May 17, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

A funeral service was Tuesday, May 21 at the Christian Church, Deep River, with the Rev. James Bringman officiating. Interment was at West Liberty Cemetery near Searsboro. Watts Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Casket Bearers were Brian Beaver, Bianca Thomaë, Keith Tish, Craig Thomaë, Arlo Tish, and Gary Thompson.

Gladys was born Feb. 25, 1916, at Searsboro, the daughter of John and Selah (Reeves) Tish. On Dec. 24, 1935, she was united in marriage with Elmer

Burggraaf at Union Mills. To this union, two daughters were born.

She had been a department manager and store manager at Younkers, Betty Gay and Graham's department stores in Otumwa and Oskaloosa. She was once voted employee of the year at Oskaloosa. She had also been a 4-H leader. She and Elmer lived several years at Deep River.

Gladys is survived by two daughters, Peggy (& Bob) Clark of Maxwell; and Shirley Beaver of Chicago, Ill.; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter; other relatives and many friends.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband and 10 brothers and sisters

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