

Mrs. Vickie Jo Vondracek Gato

Mrs. Vickie Jo Vondracek Gato, 31, Miami, Fla., former Tama and Marshalltown area resident, died July 1 in Miami, where she had resided the past 11 years. She had been in her usual health and her death was unexpected.

Services will be held from the Chapel of Mason-Hand Funeral Home, Tama, at 10:30 a.m. today (Thursday) with Rev. Michael Biklen, pastor of Tama United Methodist church officiating. Music will include "In the Garden" and "He is My Shepherd". There is also a memorial service being held in the First Unitarian church, 7701 S.W. 6th Ave., in Miami at 8:00 a.m. Thursday. The casket will remain closed at all times.

Burial will be in the Sheridan cemetery, Poweshiek county, Iowa, with the following serving as casket bearers: Roy Duncalf, David Plum, Leslie Duncan, Kevin Chizek, Dennis Plum and Roy Walters.

Mrs. Gato was born Jan. 4, 1932 in Cedar Falls. daughter

of Charles and Judy Plum Vondracek. She attended the Marshalltown schools, graduating from Marshalltown high school in 1970. She attended Marshalltown Community college and received a certificate in business administration.

She was married to Jorge Luis Gato at LeGrand, Iowa on April 25, 1972. The couple moved to Miami the same year, where she has since resided. She was employed by the Miami News as personnel director.

She is survived by her father, Charles Vondracek, Evansdale, her mother, Mrs. Judy Britt, Shell Rock, a brother, Melvin C., Waterloo, all in Iowa and a sister, Toni L. Harris, with the U.S. Navy in Seattle, Wash., also a nephew, Christopher Lee Vondracek, Waterloo and several uncles, aunts and more distant relatives.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents and her maternal grandmother.

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