



Gladys Kathleen Doocy

December 19, 1935 - March 8, 2020

Gladys Doocy, 84, of Spirit Lake passed away on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Burial will be held in the St. Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake. A parish vigil service will begin at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2020 with a visitation to follow from 5-7 p.m. with family present from 5-6 p.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Born to Norwegian immigrants Olaf and Margit (Kumle) Helland on December 19, 1935, in Estherville, Iowa, Gladys Kathleen Helland was destined to become a mother and a teacher. Gladys grew up on her family farm near Cylinder, Iowa, with her parents, brother Orville, sister Marion, as well as her mother's parents. After graduating from Cylinder High School, Gladys so adequately pursued a career in teaching at Waldorf College in Forest City. Shortly after crossing the graduation stage in 1956, Gladys accepted her first teaching job in Titonka, Iowa. Gladys was no stranger to small towns, but she was quite anxious about leaving her support system of family and friends behind and moving to a town just shy of 600 people. Upon arrival, Gladys rented a small room in a house and eagerly awaited the start of the school year, so she could meet some people, and that she did. Midweek of Gladys' second week in Titonka, Gladys met George Doocy.

George contends that Gladys stole his heart immediately, and he knew he had

to live life right to be worthy of her hand. George proposed to Gladys on her birthday, December 19, 1958. On August 13 of 1959, George and Gladys married in a private ceremony in Wesley, Iowa. The newlyweds moved to Owatonna, Minnesota, to start their family. The next year after the birth of their first daughter and another on the way, George and Gladys relocated to Spirit Lake, Iowa, and eventually opened Doocy's Mobil and Country Store. Once their youngest turned four, Gladys started working at Spirit Lake Elementary School and continued substitute teaching on a regular basis until she turned 70. However, the impact she had on students stood the test of time as she continued to come in contact with students, she had touched so many years previously.

In her free-time, Gladys enjoyed taking walks in Spirit Lake, writing letters, solving Jumble puzzles, visiting with friends, cruising around the Lakes Area with George in their '66 Bronco and '55 Chevy, attending sporting events at Spirit Lake High School, following the Iowa Hawkeyes and Cyclones, and spending time with George, her five daughters (and their spouses), and her eight grandchildren. It was evident to all that Gladys' life was filled with love. Gladys lived life to the fullest, and her peaceful, caring demeanor brought joy to all in which she came in contact.

Now Gladys is at rest with her mother, Margit, father, Olaf, sister Marion, and brother-in-law David. Gladys is survived by her brother Orville (Joan) Helland of Cylinder, Iowa, and their children Denise, Lori, and Erik; her husband George Doocy (Spirit Lake, IA), and their children Diana Koppen (Spencer, IA), husband Wayne and son Samuel; Kathleen Nord (Harrisburg, SD), husband Pat, sons Logan and Truman, and daughter MacKenzie; Debra Harms (Spirit Lake, IA), husband Brian and daughter Macy; Pamela Curry (Eads, TN), husband Jeff, and daughters Jayden and Jule Layne; and daughter Janine (Canistota, SD), husband Rodney, and daughter Reya.

So much joy filled Gladys' life as she and George raised five girls. In between the visits and grandchildren that filled their home, they sat in their living room at 911 Gary Avenue reminiscing and anticipating the next visits and calls, with their hearts ever listening to the laughter in the walls.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Service

MAR 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church

1005 Hill Ave.

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Robinson Funeral Home - March 10, 2020 at 03:52 PM

RS

Beautiful!!

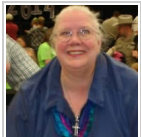
Ruth Sundet - March 10, 2020 at 11:04 PM

DR

“ *Thinking of the entire Doocy family at this time...*



Diane Rickard - March 24, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ *My sincerest condolences to the entire family.
Sandra (Steen) Vera
SLHS Class of '75*

Sandra Vera - March 16, 2020 at 08:35 PM

FO

“ *Floyd Ogle lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Floyd Ogle - March 16, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ *Sharlene Eckard lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Sharlene Eckard - March 14, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *Matthew Hawn lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Matthew Hawn - March 13, 2020 at 12:45 AM



I'm so sorry to learn of Mrs Doocy's passing. I remember her substitute teaching many times at Spirit Lake. She was one of my favorites. She was also so kind. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Matthew Hawn - March 13, 2020 at 12:49 AM

SA

“ Sam lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



sam - March 12, 2020 at 10:39 AM

JS

“ Jeff And Andrea Schwarck lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Jeff and Andrea Schwarck - March 11, 2020 at 09:16 PM

DH

“ Gladys was such a kind person and always enjoyed her anytime she would substitute at Spirit Lake Elementary School. Rest in peace Gladys - you're cheerful smile and greetings will be missed. Sympathy and prayers to her family.

Deb Heidebrink and family

Deb Heidebrink - March 11, 2020 at 05:33 PM

MC

“ Jim and I send condolences to the family! Gladys was such a special, gentle person, with a ready smile and greeting! She will be missed!



Mary Christianson

Mary Christianson - March 11, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gladys Kathleen Doocy.*



March 11, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gladys Kathleen Doocy.*



March 11, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gladys Kathleen Doocy.*



March 11, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ *Don & Jean Reed lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Don & Jean Reed - March 11, 2020 at 04:06 AM

JF

“ I knew Gladys when I went to spirit lake to work for the first time coming from Jamaica. I worked at Burger King and every Sunday, she and her husband George would come and buy ice cream. She is a very sweet lady and she was nice to me while I was there working in spirit lake, May her soul Rest In Peace

J'Vaughn Francis - March 10, 2020 at 10:12 PM

DV

“ So very sorry for your loss. We lived across the street for many years. Prayers for the family.

Debbie Benton (VanPelt) - March 10, 2020 at 07:59 PM

ML

“ Mary Eddy Linton lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Mary Eddy Linton - March 10, 2020 at 07:20 PM

KH

“ Kelly Hanson lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Kelly Hanson - March 10, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gladys Kathleen Doocy.*



March 10, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ *Uncle Jr and family...sorry we are not there but you are all in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. Aunt Gladys was a beautiful and great lady. She will definitely be a great teacher in heaven. Hugs. Jack and Marilyn.*

Jack and Marilyn Bluel - March 10, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ *Gladys and George raised 5 beautiful daughters. Especially my sister-in-law, Kathy, who is one of the kindest sweetest people I know.*

Jane Templin

Jane Templin - March 10, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ *My sympathy to George and all of the Doocy family. Very common to meet up with them somewhere, be it at Mass, Dairy Queen, or Godfathers. For Jean and I they were always so very happy and sociable. Love them both.*



Larry Rusch & Jean (deceased) - March 10, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gladys Kathleen Doocy.*



March 10, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gladys Kathleen Doocy.*



March 10, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *To the Doocy family, so sorry for your loss. Gladys always had a smile on her face.*

Clarence and Cheryl Harms - March 10, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Terry Osgerby lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Terry Osgerby - March 10, 2020 at 10:41 AM

RG

“ *My sympathies to the entire Doocy family. Such a loving and caring family. It was a privilege to know them and teach and coach each of the daughters. Each of the reflected the grace and kindness of their parents.*

Randy Graff - March 10, 2020 at 09:41 AM

EO

“ *Elwin And Florence Orwig lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Elwin and Florence Orwig - March 10, 2020 at 06:55 AM

MS

“ *Kathy and family of Gladys, Bob and I send our love, hugs and prayers during this time. May our loving God wrap his arms around all of you and hold you tight and give you peace and comfort.*



Marilyn Seidel - March 09, 2020 at 09:58 PM

PB

“ *Paul Bakke lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Paul bakke - March 09, 2020 at 09:22 PM

KW

“ Gladys was one of the best examples of motherhood and decency. What a wonderful lady and part of that generation we will never see again. May God bless your family today and always 🕊

Kay Wilson - March 09, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gladys Kathleen Doocy.



March 09, 2020 at 08:10 PM

JH

“ Johnny Huntsinger lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Johnny Huntsinger - March 09, 2020 at 06:19 PM

 Kathy Grienke

“ Kathy Grienke lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Kathy Grienke - March 09, 2020 at 05:24 PM

Linda Baltzegar

“ *Linda Baltzegar lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Linda Baltzegar - March 09, 2020 at 05:07 PM

Linda Baltzega

Such a warm, caring, loving mom...Cared for everyone with a smile, never a harsh word, and raised a wonderful family. Gladys, you will be missed...

Linda Baltzegar - March 09, 2020 at 05:10 PM

CF

“ *Colleen Frederick lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Colleen Frederick - March 09, 2020 at 04:35 PM

AR

“ *I have known Gladys for years - starting when she was my neighbor in the 60's. I always liked her so well . She was kind, a good Mother and wife and an all around great lady. She will be so missed and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family at this time,*

adrienne rumbaugh - March 09, 2020 at 01:41 PM

DK

“ *Doug And Sally Kness lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Doug and Sally Kness - March 09, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ *Ann Devall lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Ann Devall - March 09, 2020 at 12:34 PM

JC

“ *Jeff And Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - March 09, 2020 at 12:32 PM

SS

“ *Our sympathies to George and the wonderful daughters you and Gladys have. What a legacy to leave.*

Stan and Rhea Sybesma

Stan Sybesma - March 09, 2020 at 12:27 PM

BP

“ *Bob And Connie Peters sent a virtual gift in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Bob and Connie Peters - March 09, 2020 at 11:07 AM

DC

“ *David & Martha Chozen lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



David & Martha Chozen - March 09, 2020 at 10:59 AM

DR

“ *Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Doug and Barb Ricke - March 09, 2020 at 10:53 AM

AK

“ *My deepest sympathy to George and the rest of the Doocy family... Gladys was the kindest person I know! I enjoyed our years of subbing at SLEM.*

Annette Kalkhoff - March 09, 2020 at 10:19 AM

DF

“ *Dianne & Steve Franker lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Dianne & Steve Franker - March 09, 2020 at 09:57 AM

JB

“ *Jim An Annie Bauer lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Jim an Annie Bauer - March 09, 2020 at 09:39 AM

BK

“ *Bruce Klenken lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Bruce Klenken - March 09, 2020 at 09:02 AM

TU

“ *We also will miss seeing Gladys and George driving around the Lakes. The Underwoods Tom and Della*

Tom and Della Underwood - March 09, 2020 at 08:48 AM

JS

“ Jeffrey VanDer Sluis lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Jeffrey VanDer Sluis - March 09, 2020 at 07:33 AM

KK

“ Karen Krieger lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Karen Krieger - March 09, 2020 at 07:03 AM

JH

“ Our Thoughts & Prayers go out to George and the whole Doocy Family. She was a very sweet Lady and will be missed greatly.



JoLynn Harms & Timer Harms - March 09, 2020 at 12:15 AM

FK

“ Fred Kaminska lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Fred Kaminska - March 08, 2020 at 11:39 PM

MP

“ *Mavis Palmer lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Mavis Palmer - March 08, 2020 at 11:24 PM

KF

“ *Ken Farmer lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Ken Farmer - March 08, 2020 at 10:37 PM

RT

“ *Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Ray and Diane Tucker - March 08, 2020 at 09:33 PM

BW

“ *Betty Wernimont lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy*



Betty wernimont - March 08, 2020 at 09:30 PM

BW

“ *What a wonderful and very special lady Gladys was. She will be missed very much. To the Doocy family my thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Betty wernimont - March 08, 2020 at 09:30 PM

PR

“ *Sure will miss seeing her ride with your dad around the Lakes area. Sympathy to all of the Doocy's.*



Peggy Rick - March 08, 2020 at 09:03 PM

BA

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers.*



Beverly Atwell - March 08, 2020 at 08:45 PM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Laurie Chozen



laurie chozen - March 08, 2020 at 08:32 PM

JA

“ Prayers to the Doocy Family!

Judy Alger - March 08, 2020 at 07:51 PM

SH

“ We lost one of the sweetest ladies I have known. Gladys will be missed so much. The Doocys will be in my thoughts and prayers.



Shelly - March 08, 2020 at 07:18 PM

BS

“ Bev Sill lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Bev Sill - March 08, 2020 at 07:16 PM

JK

“ A#1 substitute teacher for us at Spirit Lake Elementary School! A sweet and gentle soul, indeed. Hugs and condolences to family and friends.

Jackie & RD Kelley - March 08, 2020 at 07:10 PM

TG

“ Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Gladys Kathleen Doocy



Twyla Garnmeister - March 08, 2020 at 04:55 PM

LP

“ Hugs and prayers to the Doocy Family. So many great memories of your mom when we were neighbors growing up. Your mom and dad were/are true examples of forever love. We will keep you in our prayers.

Lori Pedersen - March 08, 2020 at 04:48 PM

SD

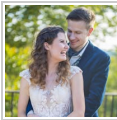
“ To my Doocy family, I am so sorry for your loss. Gladys was such a gem and she will be greatly missed. What a nice picture of her. Hugs to you all. Love you.

Sally DeLoss - March 08, 2020 at 04:06 PM

LP

Hugs and prayers to the Doocy Family. Many great memories of neighbors and mom and dad were the true example of forever love.

Lori Pedersen - March 08, 2020 at 04:42 PM



There is no question that she lived well while on Earth. She was so patient and always gentle and kind. God loved us enough to put Gladys Doocy in our lives, and she poured her love into us faithfully. It was a quiet love which nurtured strength and brought peace, and that love will be sorely missed by everyone who knew her.

Jayden Curry - March 11, 2020 at 06:34 PM