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Virginia Blanche McDonough, age 85, of Moravia died Sunday February 1, 2009 at Golden Age Care Center, Centerville.

Virginia was born April 7, 1923 the daughter of Walter H. and Lois (Graham) Gibbons in Hopewell, Virginia. She married Max J. McDonough, October 28, 1945 in Moravia, Iowa. He preceded her in death on January 14, 1988.

Virginia served on the Board of Rathbun Solid Waste Commissions, was a 60-year member of the Moravia Garden Club, past President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, and judged flowers at the County Fairs. She was a member of Christian Science Church in Ottumwa, organizer of Moravia Farmers Market, participated in Monroe County Master Gardeners, active in Moravia Trees Forever and Moravia and Appanoose County Historical Society.

She was also active for 50 years in Moravia Fall Festival, organized the Class of 1941 reunions, Mayor for two terms for Moravia, Booster Club member, Ladies Auxiliary member, Election official and a member of Moravia Merchants Association.

Virginia is survived by a daughter, Jan Sime of Des Moines, Iowa, and Joyce (Doug) Bender of Parnell, Iowa; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; siblings, Fred (Loretta) DuVall of Moravia, Iowa, Bill (Diana) DuVall of Newton, Iowa, Mary (Bill) Benz of Centerville, Iowa, Jo (Max) McAninch of Ocala, Florida, and Nellie Eaves of Moravia, Iowa; and sisters-in-law, Deana Dagle of Moravia, Iowa, Mary Lou (Rich) Raymie of Moravia, Iowa.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; stepfather, Warren DuVall; and sister, Ruth Gibbons. Funeral services will be held 10 AM, Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at the Moravia Funeral Home with Pastor Terry Chapman officiating. Burial will follow at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Moravia, Iowa.



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A visitation will begin at 2 PM on Tuesday, February 3, 2009 with family present from 5-7PM at the funeral home in Moravia. A memorial has been established to the Moravia Garden Club or Moravia First Responders and may be left at or mailed to the Moravia Funeral Home 103 N. John St., Moravia, Iowa 52571.

Condolences may be left online at www.thomaslangefuneralhome.com.



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:36 PM



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Anonymous posted:

The Gambles store was one of my favorite places to visit as a child. It seemed like they had everything in the world just in that small store. Mom worked for Virginia off and on through the years and she was always nice to me, although I usually wandered downstairs where Max and Billy Jo were working on tires. I still miss those days. Your Mom & Dad were wonderful Moravia people. Posted by Alan Tissue February 10, 2009

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jan and Joyce, I am so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I am sure Moravia is so sad with her and Doris Jean passing within days. Such great people. I have nothing but fond memories of your mom and the times we had in high school. She was involved and active. She leaves such a legacy to your family. One thing that she told me once is that every Christmas she left a card in the bathroom for your Dad, God grant you strength. Paula Posted by Paula Cleaver Jones February 04, 2009

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Anonymous posted:

Janice, Joyce and other family members.....I was terribly saddened to learn of your mother's passing. I have known Virginia my entire life, but became very close to her in the last several years due to our shared involvement in city government and the Rathbun Area Solid Waste Commission. She was a strong, wise, no-nonsense, yet caring woman and I learned a great deal from her in my business and political pursuits. Her knowledge, experience, support and advice were invaluable to me and I will miss her dearly. I must say that we also had a lot of fun during our work sessions! You can imagine two head-strong woman working amongst a bunch of men! She was a grand, but diminutive lady and I was honored to have known her. Anyone who crossed her path was better for the experience. My love and thoughts to you all....Marsha (Day) Mitchell, Mayor of Centerville Posted by Marsha Mitchell February 03, 2009

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

God gives us comfort in the form of family and friends. May his peace be with you. His love never ends. Sorry to hear about Virginia, she will be greatly missed. Posted by marilyn Powell February 03, 2009

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