Margie M. Howard

Margie M. Howard, 76, of Grinnell, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2003, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was held Monday, Dec. 15, at Smith Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Margie M. Howard Memorial Fund.

She was born Sept. 26, 1927, in Montour to Iris and Frank McCoy Jr. She graduated from Newburg High School in 1945. Following her graduation she lived in Washington, D.C., where she worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She returned later to Iowa where she met and married Delmar W. Howard of Laurel on June 30, 1946, at the Newburg Congregational Church. The couple lived and farmed in both Laurel and Newburg until their retirement in 1985 when they moved to Grinnell. She was employed at J.C. Penney Company and McDowell Insurance Company, both in Grinnell. She was a member of Newburg-Chester Congregational Church. She and her husband traveled extensively throughout their 57 years of marriage.

She is survived by her husband Delmar of Grinnell; one son Kevin Howard of Urbandale; three daughters Doris Fitzgerald, Springfield, Mo., Carol Sampson, Grinnell, and Sharon Hansen of Iowa City; 12 grandchildren and one sister, Peggy Strand of LeGrand. She was preceded death by her parents and one grandson Jeff Sampson.