Alice J. Johnson, 69
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Alice J. Johnson, 69, of Montezuma, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Montezuma.

Her funeral service was Monday, Nov. 25, at the Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating.

Casket bearers were Troy and Tyson Graham, Marty Johnson, Dan, Jason and Mark McDowell. Burial followed at the Westfield Cemetery near Grinnell.

Alice was born Oct. 8, 1933, in Grinnell, to John and Leota Wright Eversdyk. She was raised on the family farm and she attended rural schools. The family moved into Grinnell and she attended Grinnell schools.

In 1954, she was married to Gene Meldrem and to this union was born one daughter, Vickey. The marriage ended in divorce. She was then married to Gale Johnson in 1957 in Omaha, Neb., and to this marriage were born three children, Steve, Lora and Marty. The couple lived in Grinnell and she worked in the housekeeping department of the Mayflower Home for 20 years. From 1991 to 2001, she worked as a seamstress at DeLong’s Sportswear Company in Grinnell.

She is survived by two daughters, Vickey McDowell of Grinnell and Lora Gates of Chelsea; two sons, Steve Johnson of Brooklyn and Marty Johnson of Grinnell; nine grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one brother, Marion Eversdyk of Abilene, Texas; and one sister, Marie Brown of Newton.

Her husband; her parents; her stepfather, Joe Baker; and her son-in-law, Kevin Graham, preceded her in death.