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A funeral service was held Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at Smith Funeral Home with Brother Dennis J. Dougherty, branch president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Newton, officiating. Interment was in Chester Cemetery, rural Grinnell.

Memorials may be directed to the Minnie McDaniel Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

She was born, the daughter of Ernest and Anne Smith Combes, on Nov. 28, 1925, in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she was raised and educated. She was united in marriage with Charles McDaniel on Aug. 25, 1945, in Salt Lake City. They moved to Grinnell following World War II where she was a homemaker.

She was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was a member of Grinnell Eagles Auxiliary. Her family was her life and she dearly loved her grandchildren. She enjoyed singing and dancing, tending to her flowers and gardening, attending the Iowa State Fair for the past 50 years, fishing, camping, playing cards and reading.

She is survived by Charles McDaniel, her husband of 64 years; her children, JoAnn Danks of Kellogg, Margaret Rebik of Gilman, Sharon Miller of Belle Plaine, Helen Pankrat of Island Lake, and Pauline Nelson of Sebring; 33 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; and her sister, Elsie Thom of Fontana, Calif. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Nellie Anderson and Margaret Runnells, and her brother, Jim Combes.

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