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N. Joanne Keenan



N. Joanne Keenan, 81, of Newton and formerly of Grinnell, died Sunday, July 31, 2011, at the Skiff Hospice Monarch Wing in Newton.

Services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 11 a.m. the First Baptist Church at 620 S. Eighth Ave. E. in Newton, with Pastor Aaron Loree presiding. The family will greet friends with a coffee time at the church from 10 a.m. until the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Skiff Hospice may be left at the church the morning of the service.

Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory in Newton is handling the arrangements.

She was born Oct. 19, 1929, in Moulton, the daughter of Hollie Fee and Mamie Ruth Morrow York. She grew up in Grinnell, and moved to Newton in 1955. She was united in marriage with Vincent "Dinty" Keenan in Marshalltown in 1947.

She worked at a shoe factory in Grinnell and at the Maytag Company in Newton, and then was a CNA at Skiff Medical Center for 22 years, retiring in 1992.

She was a member of the TOPS club and the First Baptist Church. She enjoyed travel and time with family.

She is survived by one son, Jerry Keenan of Newton; two daughters, Sonja Hull of Newton and Pam Keenan of Kellogg; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Bernard, in infancy; a daughter, Melinda Quick, in 2008; and four brothers, Bernard and Robert Marvin and Melburn and Melvin of