Frances McDowell Mincer, formerly of Grinnell, died Feb. 29, 2012, at Lakewood Regional Hospital in Lakewood, Calif. She had been in failing health for the previous three years.

Services were held at Mayfair Church in Lakewood, Calif. on March 15 with a graveside service in La Mirada, Calif.

Condolences can be sent to P.O. Box 910, Lakewood, Calif. 90714.

Frances was born Sept. 16, 1916, in Conrad to John and Cecile McDowell. She was raised in Searsboro, and 1933 married Lloyd Mincer of Searsboro. In 1950 they moved to El Paso, Texas, where Lloyd was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. In 1954 they moved to southern California.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1979, her brother Wayne McDowell in 2008 and a son Ron in 2009.

She is survived by a son Gerald, and daughters Kaye Wheeler and Shirley Knall along with numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.