Donna Werner, 77

Donna Werner, 77, of New Sharon died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, at the Pella Regional Health Center.

Her funeral service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastor David Pinkerton of the Taintor Community Church officiating. Burial followed at the Forest Cemetery.

Donna Jean Werner, daughter of Elmer and Minnie Wymore Moore, was born Aug. 31, 1930, in Wright, Iowa. Donna attended school in the Barnes City area. As a young woman, she worked at the shoe factory in Grinnell.

On Nov. 25, 1950, she married Bill Werner; they made their home in Oskaloosa where they raised their six children. They later divorced. She later worked at Mahaska Hospital and the New Sharon Care Center as a nurse's aid. In Oct. 2007, after 28 years of service at the care center she retired. She attended the New Sharon Friends Church. She was an avid reader, she enjoyed attending the Old Threshers Reunion in Mt. Pleasant, working in her yard and spending time with her family.

Donna's family includes her children and their spouses: Diane (Dale) Long of Oskaloosa; Sherry Werner of Oskaloosa; Pamela Richards of Cedar Rapids; Sandra (Jeff) Haines of Oskaloosa; Jeffrey (Sherry) Werner of Montezuma and Mark (Sheili) Werner of Osceola; 12 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brothers: Edward (Charlotte) Moore of Eddyville and Gary (Elizabeth) Moore of Montezuma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Dorothy McVay; a brother, Richard Moore; grandsons Adam Ferneau and Duane Richards; and a great grandson, Jordan Heaton.

A memorial has been established in her name.