Mildred Turner, 86, of Grinnell, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, at the Mayflower Health Care Center in Grinnell.

A funeral service was held Monday morning at Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell with Pastor Bruce Thompson of the Bethel Baptist Church in Oklahoma officiating. Music was provided by Teresa Thompson, organist, and Sharon Thompson, vocalist. Casket bearers were Calvin, David, Kim, Robert, Jordan, Kaleb and Alexa Turner. Interment was at the Bethel Cemetery near Lynnville. Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell handled arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell.

Mildred was born on March 31, 1926, near Lynnville to Robert and Naomi Anderson Thompson. She was raised on the family farm and attended the Frog Pond School until the eighth grade. She later attended Grinnell High School.

On May 2, 1951, she was united in marriage with Donald L. Turner in Colorado Springs, Colo. The couple lived in the Grinnell area and besides being a homemaker and mother she worked at Grinnell College, DeKalb Seed Corn Company and Eckerman Jewelry. Following their retirement they lived in their country home near Grinnell and wintered in Texas and Arizona.

She was a long-time member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell, where she taught Sunday school, assisted in the nursery during church services, and assisted with the janitorial duties of the church. She was baptized in May of 1953 along the Florida coast in the Gulf of Mexico.

She enjoyed serving homemade ice cream at family reunions and hosting parties with the neighborhood children.

Survivors include her children, Calvin Turner of Reinbeck, Kim Turner of LeGrand and David Turner of Grinnell; four grandchildren; and two brothers, Eldon Thompson of Grinnell and Frank Thompson of West Palm Beach, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one sister, Grace Riddle; and two brothers, Harold and Howard Thompson.