Beatrice E. McDonald, 99

Beatrice E. McDonald, 99, of Malcom, died Friday, March 15, 2013, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, March 18, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. There will be a visitation one hour prior to her service.

Memorials may be directed to the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center or to the Grinnell Church of Nazarene and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

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Bea was a member of the Church of Nazarene for over 60 years. She was the treasurer of the church for several years.

Bea is survived by her four daughters, Doris Coleman of Manvel, Texas, Frances Kibbee of Montezuma, Darlene McDonald of Kearns, Utah, and Sherilee Smith of Malcom; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Frances (Donald) Dietrich of Manson and Dorothy Johnson of Urbandale.

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