Shirley L. Smith

Shirley L. Smith, 72, of Newton, died Monday, August 22, at the University of Iowa Hospitals in Iowa City.

Funeral services will be Friday, August 26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Community Heights Alliance Education Center in Newton, with the Rev. Larry Spader, pastor of the Community Heights Alliance Church, officiating. Burial will be in Chester Cemetery near Grinnell. Visitation with the family will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Pence-Reese Funeral Home, 310 N. 2nd Ave. E., in Newton.

She was born January 4, 1933, in Grinnell, the daughter of Harold H. and Lillie M. Harris Tice. She attended Chester No. 2 County Grade School in rural Grinnell, and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1950, after which she attended St. Luke's School of Nursing in Cedar Rapids for two years. She married Gary F. Smith on April 13, 1952, at the Chester Congregational Church north of Grinnell. They are parents of two sons, Daniel Smith and David Smith, both of Newton; and two daughters, Cindy Dittmer and Amy Ray, also of Newton.

She was employed as a ward clerk at Skiff Medical Center in Newton for over 30 years, retiring in 1987. She was a member of the Community Heights Alliance Church in Newton, the Jasper County Bowling Association, Skiff Auxiliary, Mid-Iowa Women's Investment Club, and RSVP. She enjoyed her family, boating, and church Bible studies.

Survivors include her husband; her children; 10 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Dorothy Crooks of Boone. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to the Community Heights Alliance, RSVP, Skiff Medical Center or Progress Industries in Newton.