

Florence M.A. McDowell, 95

Florence Minnie Amelia McDowell, 95, of Grinnell, died Tuesday night, June 6, 2006 at Friendship Manor Care Centre, Grinnell.

Her graveside service was held Friday, June 9, at the Barnes City Cemetery, Barnes City, with Pastor Boyd Sparks, of the United Church, Barnes City, officiating. Interment was at Barnes City Cemetery. Watts Funeral Home of Montezuma was in charge of the arrangements.

Florence was born Aug. 28, 1910 in Massack Co., Metropolis, Ill., the daughter of Henry and Amanda (Hilgeman) Moller. She graduated from a business college. In 1933 she was united in marriage with Paul Rice. To this union three daughters were born, Evelyn, Martha and Mary. They lived in Barnes City and Paul died April 19, 1968. In 1971 she married

Ollie McDowell. They moved to Belle Vista, Ark. in 1973. Ollie died in 1986 and Florence then moved to Oregon. She returned to Grinnell in 2000. A business woman, she held an insurance license and was last employed as the secretary to the Dean of Grinnell College. She was a member of the Barnes City Methodist Church, Eastern Star and Shrine. She was a very good seamstress and had made many quilts.

Florence is survived by three daughters, Evelyn (and Duane) Wanders of Barnes City, Martha Ann (and Kenneth) Rourke of Vancouver, Wash., and Mary Lee (and Rex) Seals of Eugene, Ore.; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Kluck of California and Alberta Herbert of Portland, Ore., and other relatives and many friends.