Anna McDowell

Anna McDowell, 90, of New Sharon, formerly of Taintor, died Thursday, June 28, 2007, at New Sharon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 30, at New Sharon United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Battem officiating. Interment followed at Stewart Cemetery near Taintor. Memorials may be made to the New Sharon United Methodist Women.

Anna Marjorie Northcutt, daughter of Clark Earl and Susa Kathleen Hull Northcutt, was born April 14, 1917, in Taintor. She was a 1934 graduate of New Sharon High School and attended Drake University in Des Moines, earning her master’s degree in 1960. She taught in rural schools and in Searsboro for four years. A teacher for 49 years, she spent most of those as first-grade teacher in Lynnville-Sully. She was united in marriage with Homer McDowell at the Taintor United Methodist Church on Aug. 13, 1953.

She was a life member of the Iowa State Teachers Association, a member of the New Sharon United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, the Poweshiek County Retired Teachers Association, the Civic Club of Des Moines and had traveled extensively throughout Europe.

She is survived by her brother Vernon Northcutt of New Sharon and her sister, Voyian Richards of Rice Lake, Wis. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister Elyne DeJong and five brothers, Robert, Lowell, Clark Jr., Carl and Gordon Northcutt.
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On Aug. 14, 1953, she was united in marriage to Homer McDowell at the Taintor United Methodist Church. Anna was a life member of the Iowa State Teacher's Association, a member of the New Sharon United Methodist Church and U.M.W. and was a former member of the Taintor United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Poweshiek County Retired Teacher's Association, the Civic Club of Des Moines and had travelled extensively across Europe.

Anna's memory is honored by her brother, Vernon (Bonnie) Northcutt of New Sharon and her sister, Voyian Richards of Rice Lake, WI. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Homer in 1980, a sister Erlyne DeJong and five brothers, Robert, Lowell, Clark, Jr., Carl and Gordon.