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## Mary Burch dies; rites pending

Mary Jane Burch, 87, of 525 Main St., Grinnell, died Wednesday morning at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services for Mrs. Burch are pending at the Smith Funeral Home, where friends may call for additional information.

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## Rites held for Mary Burch

Mary Burch, 87, of 525 Main St., Grinnell, died suddenly Wednesday morning at her home.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the James-Schalinske Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tom Good, pastor of the Oak Grove Friends Church, officiating. Organist was Kathieen Heffner, and pallbearers were Raymond Hutchison, Will Laymiller, Clem Lincoln, Max Lincoln, Keith Osborne, and Robert W. Osborne. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of David and Matilda McConeghie McDowell, she was born Feb. 11, 1889, in the Oak Grove neighborhood. She attended rural school near her home.

On Feb. 17, 1909, she was married to Chester Burch at her parents' home in Oak Grove. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Burch farmed in Oak Grove until 1950 when they moved to Grinnell. Mrs. Burch was a member of the Oak Grove Friends Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Raymond

(Agnes) Hutchison of Newton and Mrs. Joe (Anna) Harner of Des Moines. She was preceded in death by her husband Chester in 1955; her parents; three brothers, David, Robert and Dana McDowell; and three sisters, Mrs. Charles (Nellie) Lincoln, Mrs. Will (Elizabeth) Osborne, and Mrs. Charles (Margaret) Laymiller.