Edith Rhonda, 82, of Republic, Mo., died of heart failure July 11, 2003, at Christian Health Care in Republic, Mo.

A service was held Monday, July 14, at Pence-Reese Funeral Home in Newton with the Rev. Dan Johnston, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell, officiating. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials in her name may be made to Pence-Reese Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 11, 1914, in Grinnell, the daughter of Dan and Ruth Beeler McDowell and was a graduate of Grinnell High School. She had resided in Grinnell, Kellogg, Newton and Colfax. She was married to Peter August Dhondt. She retired in 1975 from the Maytag Corporation after 30 years of service as a forklift driver. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Grinnell.

She is survived by one son Dan Dhondt of Republic; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and one sister Addie Elliott of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; four daughters, Lauretta Morris, Mildred Andrews, Marie Gobb and Mary Rogers; two sons Peter Eugene Dhondt and Ricky Lee Dhondt; one sister and one brother.