

Vada S. Meldrem, 97 (Ross)

Vada Smith Meldrem, 97, of Montezuma, died Wednesday, May 6, 1998 at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were Monday, May 11 at Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma with the Rev. David Green of Grinnell Regional Hospice officiating.

Alice Underwood was the organist for solos, "The Old Rugged Cross" and "How Great Thou Art" by Rhonda Minner.

Casket bearers were Max Meldrem, Larry Meldrem, Dennis Meldrem, Raymond, Meldrem, Jack Meldrem and Randy Latcham.

Interment and graveside services were in Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Vada was born June 14, 1900 in

Poweshiek County, the daughter of Horatio and Ella (McClusky) Smith. She was united in marriage with Ross W. Meldrem and they farmed together northeast of Montezuma.

Ross died in 1971. Vada moved into Montezuma where she lived before going to the care center.

She was a longtime member of the United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Ross; and two brothers, Clarence Smith and Harold Smith.

She is survived by 10 nieces and nephews, several great-nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Grinnell Regional Hospice and Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center are accepting memorials on her behalf. *MR May 13, 1998*