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## Mrs. McCleery rites are set

John A.

Esther R. McCleery, 65, of 417 Fifteenth Ave., Grinnell, died of cancer Saturday, July 19, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Family graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating.

Memorials in Mrs. McCleery's name may be made to the Grinnell Christian Church and left in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. McCleery was a retired school teacher from Midland, Mich., and moved to Grinnell in the fall of 1981 to be near her daughter, Gloria Doty. She was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church.

Survivors include her daughter; a son, John McCleery of Houston, Texas; five grandchildren; and one sister, Marjorie Langston of Kansas City, Mo. She was preceded in death by her husband, John A. McCleery.

## Mrs. McCleery services held

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Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with the Rev. John Epperson officiating. Organist was Marlene Toney. Pallbearers were members of the family.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Grinnell Christian Church.

The daughter of Ray and Nell Atteberry Finkbiner, she was born on Dec. 26, 1920, at Springfield, Mo. She attended Beihaven Girls School in Mississippi and later graduated from Southwest

Missouri State with a degree in education.

On Jan. 11, 1946, she was married to John A. McCleery in Pontiac, Mich. While living in Midland she taught at Eastlawn Elementary School and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. McCleery moved to Grinnell in 1981 to be near their daughter, Gloria Doty. While living here, Mrs. McCleery was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Gloria Doty of rural Grinnell; one son, John A. McCleery of Houston, Texas; five grandchildren; and one sister Marjorie Langston of Raytown, Mo. She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.