

H-R JUNE 24, 2003

Dolly McDonald

Dolly Ruth McDonald, 98, of Grinnell, died Tuesday, June 24, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service will be held Friday, June 27, at 10 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom. Friends may call at the funeral home from 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday. Following the committal service, family members will share a luncheon at the Duane McDonald home, Highway 6 West. Memorials may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

She was born April 1, 1905, to Charles and Lydia Richmond McDonald of Malcom. She lived on the family farm near Malcom until the age of two when the family moved to Peabody, Kan., and later to Winner, S.D., where she attended school in a sod schoolhouse. The family moved back to Malcom in 1920 where they continue to operate the family farm. She moved to Grinnell in 1950 where she was employed by the Grinnell Shoe Company and later at Mayflower where at the age of 65 she was nominated as Employee of the Year. She retired in 1980. She also devoted much of her life to taking care of her brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews. She enjoyed crafts including knitting, crocheting and quilting.

She is survived by one sister Edith Smith of Grinnell, and grandnieces and grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Vernon, Ernest and Everett McDonald and one sister Viola Holderness.