Funeral services were held Monday morning, Dec. 23, at the Malcom United Methodist Church, for Darlene V. McDowell, 63, of Malcom, who died of congestive heart failure Saturday, Dec. 21, 1996, at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Mrs. Carol Wehr officiated, and organist was Mrs. Margaret Wheeler. Casketbearers were Denny Davis, Roger Griffith, Daryl Hall, Doug Robson, Roger Puls and Preston Shaw. Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery at Malcom.

Darlene McDowell was born on Nov. 25, 1933, at Iowa City, Iowa. The family moved to Malcom, where she attended rural school and graduated from Malcom High School in 1951. On Sept. 26, 1951, she was married to Lyman (Barney) McDowell at Monteuma.

The couple lived in Malcom and she worked at Fudge's Produce and Swift's Produce in Grinnell. Later, she worked as a cook at the Skel Dinner and Dickey's Restaurant, and at the locker in Malcom.

She was a member of the Malcom Fire Department Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Pearley and Bernice Story Smith, and one brother, Keith Smith.

Survivors include her husband, Barney McDowell of Malcom; one son, Donald McDowell of Brooklyn; one daughter, Jacqueline Schultz of Malcom; four grandchildren; and five brothers, William Smith of Newberry Springs, Calif., Jack Smith and Jim Smith, both of Story City, Earl Smith of Marion, and Jerry Smith of Malcom.

Memorials may be made to the Malcom Fire Department. Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.