Florence "Frankie" McDowell

Florence "Frankie" McDowell, 74, of Grinnell died Jan. 7, 2000 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Her funeral was Jan. 10 at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Cook of Ogden Community United Methodist Church.

Taped music was a prelude and postlude by Yanni, "One Day at a Time," by Cristy Lane, "Because You Loved Me" and "Fly," both by Celine Dion.

Dick Clark, Randy Cline, Wayne Funk, Paul Jurgenssen, Carl Mencal and Terry Neeley were pallbearers. Honorary bearers were Laurie Rohrer, Jon Neeley, Jenny Neeley, Kim Neeley, Allison Neeley and Jessica Neeley. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

The daughter of Harvey and Maude Halterman Smith, Mrs. McDowell was born March 15, 1925 in Grinnell, where she grew up, received her education and lived all her life.

She was employed by Grinnell Shoe company and later, for many years, with company. Mrs. McDowell retired in 1987.

She belonged to the Grinnell American Legion Auxiliary and Grinnell Eagles Lodge Auxiliary.

Mrs. McDowell enjoyed socializing with family and friends and loved her grandchildren. She was fond of flowers, collecting teapots and music, particularly Lawrence Welk.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her dear sister, Myrtle Lee Vitera.

Mrs. McDowell is survived by two sons, Terry McDowell of Grinnell and David McDowell of Des Moines and two sisters, Mary Cook of Montezuma and Elna Stanley of Grinnell; four grandchildren, Laurie Rohrer of Grinnell, Jon and Jenny Neeley of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Kim Neeley of Grinnell and two great-grandchildren, Allison and Jessica Neeley of Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the Florence "Frankie" McDowell Memorial Fund.

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Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, Terry of Grinnell and David of Des Moines; two sisters, Mary Cook of Montezuma and Elna Stanley of Grinnell; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Her parents and one sister, Myrtle Lee Vitera, preceded her in death.

A Florence "Frankie" McDowell Memorial Fund has been established.