Mary E. McDowell

Mary Elizabeth McDowell, 94, died Monday, Aug. 23, at Brookhaven Nursing Home, Brooklyn.

Services were held Thursday, Aug. 27, at Smith Funeral Home with Tom Good officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud. Pallbearers were Paul Bacon, Myron Estler, Verl Garwood, Tom Lowry, James McCulloch, Laverne Morrison and Robert Osborn. Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Oak Grove Friends Church.

She was born Feb. 5, 1898, near Newburg and in 1904 moved with her family to Grinnell where she attended school. She was married Feb. 12, 1919, to Robert McDowell. They farmed south of Grinnell, then near Newburg and later in Chester Township. She moved to Grinnell in 1960 following the death of her husband.

She attended Chester Church while living in that area and later became a member of Oak Grove Friends Church. She was an active member of the Red Cross Gray Ladies and did volunteer work at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Knoxville.

She is survived by her daughter, Pauline Jurrens, Grand Blanc, Mich.; three grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; two sisters Jennie Bacon and Agnes Whitaker and three brothers, Ross, Bill and Paul Estler.