

# Vera McDowell, 73

Vera May McDowell, Grinnell, died April 8, 1996 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held April 11, 1996 at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. The Rev. Kenneth Wallace, Newburg-Chester Parish, officiated for the services. Alice Renaud was organist. Fraternal rites were performed by members of the Rebekah Lodge #67. Burial was in Stewart Cemetery near Searsboro.

Vera, the daughter of Volney and Jessie Boget McDowell, was born Jan. 26, 1923 in Searsboro, where she was raised and received her education. She was a 1942 graduate of Searsboro High School. After her education she moved to Grinnell and worked for the Iowa Telephone and Telegraph Company. She returned to Searsboro in 1947, and assisted her family in operating the Searsboro Telephone Company. She moved to Wichita, Kansas in 1951 and worked for Southwestern Bell. In 1962,

she moved to Des Moines and was employed with Northwestern Bell until her retirement in 1982. She returned to Grinnell in 1983. She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and a 50-year member of the Rebekah Lodge. She enjoyed classical music, concerts and plays. She loved people and was "fun loving" and was very close to her sister-in-law, Anna McDowell, and her family. She held a passion for baseball.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, Warren and Oren McDowell in infancy, and Alfred, Homer and Gene McDowell.

Vera is survived by two sisters-in-law, Anna McDowell of Searsboro and Lewata McDowell of Wichita; and many good friends.

Memorials may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church and/or the American Diabetes Association.

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Memorial contributions in Miss McDowell's name may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church or the American Diabetes Association.

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There are no immediate survivors. She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers, Warren, Oren, Alfred, Homer and Gene.

H-R April 11, 1996