

## Ruth McDuffey

Ruth Blanchard McDuffey, 64, of Des Moines, formerly of Grinnell, died of cancer Wednesday, April 11, at her home.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Hamilton's Funeral Home in Des Moines, with burial in Westfield Cemetery near Grinnell.

She was born Sept. 15, 1925, in Grinnell, the daughter of Jasper and Bessie Tenant Belcher. She previously had worked in housekeeping at Broadlawns General Hospital in Des Moines.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Rataczyk of Rahway, N.J., and Bonnie Vanderlinden of Fair Oaks, Calif.; three sons, Keith Blanchard of Indianola, Richard Blanchard of Newton and Dennis Blanchard of Richmond, Va.; two stepdaughters, Naomi Riley of Tucson, Ariz., and Bonnie Azinger of Des Moines; four stepsons, Arthur and Alan McDuffey, both of Des Moines, Gary McDuffey of Fort Dodge and Larry McDuffey of New Virginia; two sisters, Dollie Wilson and Florence Sargent, both of Grinnell; four brothers, Bill and Jasper Belcher, both of Grinnell, Forest Belcher of Des Moines and Clayton Belcher of Phoenix, Ariz.; 39 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials in Mrs. McDuffey's name may be made to the American Cancer Society.