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Florence Sage

Florence Irene Sage, 81, of 628 High St., Grinnell, formerly of Newburg, died of cardiac arrest Thursday, March 12, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at the Newburg-Chester United Church of Christ, with the Rev. Ken Wallace officiating. Organist was Alice Renaud, and vocalists were Delmar and Norma Jean Sharp. Casket bearers were Vernon Graham, Rex Kirby, Warren Loudon, Delmar Sharp, Clark Weaver and Don Weaver. Burial was in Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was born May 10, 1916, in Beaver City, Neb., to Frederick and Minnie Hayes Loenning. She was raised in Beaver City and graduated from high school there in 1934. She also attended McCook Junior College, McCook, Neb.

She was married to Elihue Joseph Sage June 8, 1938, in Oskaloosa. They farmed near Gilman and later moved to Newburg. Mrs. Sage worked in the accounting and billing department at General Telephone Co. in Grinnell from 1957 to 1981. She moved to Grinnell in the fall of 1996.

She was a member of the Newburg-Chester United Church of Christ.

Surviving are one son, James of Grinnell; two granddaughters; and one foster great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother and one sister.