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## for Mrs. Sears

Shirley Mae Sears, 51, of Searsboro died of cancer early Thursday, Aug. 12, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. J.T. Ross of the West Liberty Church of Christ officiating. Organist will be Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers will be Russ Adkins, Richard Clayton, Elsworth Hudnutt, Don Hudnutt, Mike Mintle and Don Sarver. Flower bearers will be Mable Lewis and Janet Anderson. Burial will be at the Chester Cemetery north of Grinnell.

The daughter of Lester and Gladys Bennett of Mendenhall, she was born Sept. 8, 1930, at Newton. She was married to Maynard B. Sears on Sept. 12, 1948, at Kellogg. Mr. and Mrs. Sears farmed near Kellogg and in 1955 they moved to Searsboro where Mr. Sears owned and operated a blacksmith shop.

She is survived by two daughters, Betty Earnhart of Grinnell and Valrie Bunting of Olivehurst, Calif.; three grandchildren; a brother, Ralph LaVern Mendenhall of Virginia; and her father and stepmother, Lester and Hilda Mendenhall of Newton. She was preceded in death by her husband in September 1980; her mother, Gladys Bennett Parsons in 1980; and two children, Shirley in 1949 and Danny in 1950.

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