Lona Walter rites Saturday

Lona E. Walter, 78, died Sunday evening, May 27, at St. Francis Manor, where she had lived since 1977.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert C. Smith of the Grinnell First Baptist Church officiating. Music will be provided by Kathleen Heffer, organist, and Leslie King, vocalist. Pallbearers will be Gordon Felzer, Arnold Hagen, Gerald Hagen, Willard Hagen, Giles Jay, Bob Kaloupek and Richard D. Zobel. Burial will be Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials in Mrs. Walter's name may be left at the funeral home. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

The daughter of James and Jessie Gilchrist Ballard, she was born July 27, 1922, near Parnell. She graduated from Millersburg High School and attended the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls. She taught for several years in rural schools near Millersburg.

On June 10, 1926, she was married to Marvin William Walter. The couple lived in Victor until 1931, then moved to Grinnell. Mrs. Walter was employed for over 25 years at the J.C. Penney store. She was a member of the Grinnell First Baptist Church and the Isabella Brand Guild of the church. She was also active in volunteer work at Grinnell General Hospital, which presented her with a certificate of appreciation in 1970.

Survivors include two children, Lyman L. Walter of Arlington Heights, Ill., and Anita L. Conway of Newport, R.I.; seven grandchildren; and one sister, LaDean Curry of Winter Haven, Fla. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1977, as well as her parents.

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