

Reta Werneburg

(WILLIAM C.)

Reta Werneburg, 78, of Grinnell died of a respiratory ailment Tuesday, Jan. 9, at Friendship Manor.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler, and vocalist will be Barbara Chitwood. Pallbearers will be Bernard Criswell, Randy Criswell, Allan Gaskins, Kyle Pedersen, William Werneburg III and Scott Werneburg.

Burial will be in Westfield Cemetery.

The daughter of James Rollie and Edna Mae Bunch Pickett, she was born Jan. 18, 1917, in Putnam County, Mo. She was raised and attended school there.

She moved to Grinnell in 1936 and worked for Swift and Company and later for the Come Back Cafe. During World War II she worked in Seattle, Wash., then returned to Grinnell and worked as a seamstress for DeLong Sportswear.

She was married to William C. Werneburg Oct. 4, 1952, in Newton.

Mrs. Werneburg was a charter member of the Eagles' Auxiliary here.

Surviving are a stepsons, William C. Werneburg II of Toulon, Ill. four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Two nieces, Judith Criswell and Patti Pedersen, live in Grinnell.

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

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