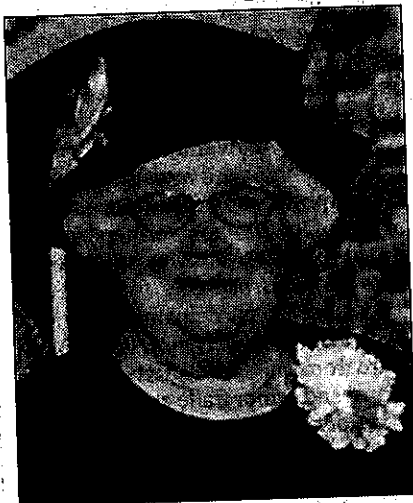


Jean McDonough



Jean McDonough, 94, of Grinnell, died Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A graveside service will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21, with Deacon Diane Eberhart officiating.

Memorials may be designated in her name to the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the Grinnell Regional Medical Center and mailed in care of Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Jean was born to John Iler Sheller and Alice Myrtle Schwab Sheller on Jan. 6, 1918. She attended country school in Grundy County, and graduated from Conrad High School. After graduation, she remained at home before entering nurses training. She graduated from Evangelical Deaconess School of Nursing in Marshalltown in 1939, then practiced as a registered nurse for two years.

On Nov. 29, 1941, she married Homer L. McDonough at the Ivester Church in Grundy County. They lived on the same farm for over 70 years where she faithfully helped with farming. After raising their three children, she returned to nursing at the Grinnell Community Hospital and then served as head nurse at the Mayflower Health Center for 12 years. She loved and was proud of being a farmer's wife and of being a registered nurse.

She was a faithful member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church for over 70 years, where she actively served in the United Methodist Women's Circle and served as a communion steward and wherever else needed. She was a member of the Grinnell Regional Medical Center (GRMC) Ladies' Auxillary and volunteered as a (GRMC) Pink Lady for many years. Her Neighborhood Women's Birthday Club, Just-a-mere Club, her Pfitsch's Pfishes Swim Club, her neighbors, her friends, and her family were an important part of her social life.

She is survived by her three children, Marvel LaCasse of Grinnell, Wanda Duske of Des Moines, and Virgil McDonough of Bellevue, Neb.; seven grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and numerous other relations and friends.

Jean was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and a brother.