CCR Grace M. McKeag, 92 4-23-14

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A funeral service was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 19, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Bonnie Koeppen and the Rev. Christine Tinker officiating. Music was provided by Lucy Axmear, pianist, and Keith Morrison, vocalist. Casket bearers were



Ron Puls, Tim Reed, Craig Maschmann, Josh Urfer, Jeremy Lamb and Dustin Beck. Honorary bearers were Lenny Lamb, Jr. Shepard, and Kenny Densmore. Interment was in the Lvy Hill Cemetery near Malcom.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Ivy Hill Cemetery Association, Malcom United Methodist Church, or the Mayflower Community Activity Fund, mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Grace was born on Aug. 29, 1921, in Knoxville, to Paul and Fern Ann (Etcher) Hegwood. She was raised in the Attica and Knoxville areas.

On Aug. 21, 1937, she was married to Kenneth H. McKeag in Knoxville. The couple made their home in Malcom and they were the parents of five children. Grace worked at the Village Inn Restaurant and cleaned at the government building in Malcom. She was also an Avon representative for 15 years. Following her retirement, she enjoyed traveling with the Grinnell State Bank Heritage Club throughout the United States and Hawaii. She also enjoyed visiting her sister in Portland, Ore. Grace loved to dance, especially with her friend, Theresa, on Sunday nights, playing bingo, and was a faithful volunteer at the Malcom American Legion Hall for dances. Guy Lombardo and Lawrence Welk were her favorites and she enjoyed humming the tune to their music. She also cherished time spent with her family.

Survivors include her five daughters, Genevive (Ann) Reed and Patti Carney, both of Grinnell, Vickie (Kenneth) Innis of Havelock, N.C., Pam (Bud) Maschmann and Gina (Jim) Urfer, both of Malcom; ten grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her step-father, Bruce Sumner; one sister, Pauline Pezzetti; one brother, Merle Hegwood; her son-in-law, Tom Reed; and one granddaughter, Nina Shepard.

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