

Naomi Reaves

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Funeral services were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 23, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Todd Jones, pastor of the Community Hope Assembly of God Church in Montezuma, officiating. Pianist was Rance Minner and vocalist Rhonda Minner. Pallbearers were Steve Reaves, Nate Criswell, Marty James, Brad Freese, Mandy Reaves Thonen, Jennifer Maki, Michael Reaves and Alexis Maki. Honorary bearers were Ashlee Freese, Rachel Maki, Grant Freese, Caitlyn Criswell, Jacqueline Criswell, Linden Reaves, Keirra Reaves, Samuel Shedlock, Isabel Reaves, Natalee Freese and Carson Thonen. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.



Visitation with the family present was held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Iowa Assemblies of God Home Missions.

Naomi was born March 2, 1929, in Wood River, Illinois, the daughter of Horace Chilton and Flossie Irene Kindle Dean. She was raised in Wood River and was a 1947 graduate of East Alton Wood River High School. She attended Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri and later Alton Business School in Alton, Illinois.

On August 24, 1951, she was united in marriage with the Rev. Samuel H. Reaves in Wood River, Illinois. The couple lived in several communities in Missouri, Wyoming, Illinois and Iowa prior to moving to Grinnell in 1968. They moved to Seymour, Iowa, in 1992 and she later moved to Montezuma. Naomi taught piano lessons and sign language for nearly 20 years and retired in 2003. She was a member of the Assembly of God Church.

Naomi was devoted to God and her family; she cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed attending their school and church activities. She particularly loved watching her granddaughter's fast-pitched softball games. She loved watching sports on TV and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. Music was very important in her life; she was an excellent musician, enjoyed teaching piano lessons and had written a few hymns. She loved animals and caring for them and she held a passion for crocheting and cross stitching. She enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, cross-word puzzles, and playing board and Rook card games. Many will remember her for being a classy woman!

Survivors include her children, Sam (Vickie) Reaves of Grinnell, Steve (Debbie) Reaves of Kansas City, Missouri and Deborah (Gary) Maki of Montezuma; one sister, Georgia (Junior) Smith of Carlinville, Illinois; one brother, Floyd (Norma) Dean of Colorado Springs, Colorado; thirteen grandchildren, Nikki James, Andrea Freese, Michael Reaves, Steve Reaves, Jr., Mandy Reaves Thonen, Erik, Bret, Ryan, Josiah, Jennifer, Rachel and Alexis Maki and Samuel Shedlock; and thirty-one great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rev. Sam Reaves in 2003; an infant sister; and a grandson-in-law, Randy Criswell.

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Friends may call at the funeral home beginning 9 a.m., Monday and the family will be present at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

The family will receive relatives and friends for lunch at the Community Hope Assembly of God Church from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday.

Memorials may be directed to the Iowa Assemblies of God Home Missions Program and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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A complete obituary will follow in next week's edition.

Reaves Naomi
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