

# Pauline McNabb



Pauline McNabb, 87, of Grinnell died Tuesday, June 5, 2007.

Memorial services for Pauline McNabb will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 15, at the Carman Center of the Mayflower home in Grinnell, and at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, at the Lebanon United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Iowa, with the Rev. Orlan Mitchell of the Mayflower and Deacon Diane Eberhard of the Grinnell United Methodist Church officiating at both services. Music at the Carman Center will include Kyle Szary, pianist, and Milton Severe, soloist; at Lebanon, Szary will play the organ. Honorary bearers will include her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Burial will be in the Lebanon Cemetery.

Born March 29, 1920, in Bonaparte, Iowa, she attended Centennial Rural School at Mt. Sterling and graduated from Bonaparte High School in 1937.

She married Verne Ebert Watson of Stockport, Iowa, on April 8 1942. The couple had a son, Vincent J. Watson. Her husband died in an accident on a construction site at Cedar Rapids in 1947.

She worked at the Selective Service Board in Keosauqua, Iowa, where she met her second husband - Kenneth LaVerne McNabb of Troy - who she married Aug. 7, 1949. The couple lived on a farm north of Milton, Iowa, and had five children.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lebanon and served on its mission board. She was an active Farm Bureau member and chaired the Van Buren County Women's Farm Bureau for several years. She was also involved with her children's many 4-H projects.

In September of 1993, she purchased

an efficiency apartment and moved to Mayflower Home in Grinnell. There, she chaired the mini-gift shop and served as a hall host and on the chapel committee, the flower garden committee and the stamp clippers. She enjoyed Monday nights of Trivial Pursuit with fellow Mayflower residents.

Among her volunteer activities at Grinnell Regional Medical Center she delivered flowers and mail. She was a member of the Grinnell State Bank Heritage Club and enjoyed travels with the group throughout the United States. Her passions included her family, tending flower gardens at the Mayflower, sewing and quilting.

She is survived by her children, Vincent Watson of Urbandale, Kathy Szary of Grinnell, Randy McNabb of Texhoma, Okla., Michael McNabb of Friendswood, Texas, and Kevin McNabb of Bellevue, Neb.; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; a step-great-grandchild; two sisters, Catherine Balmer and Genevieve Runyon of Bloomfield; and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; both her husbands, and her son, Timothy McNabb.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Mayflower Health Care Center Activity Fund.

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Pauline McNabb of Grinnell, daughter of Raymond and Birdie Scott Randolph, was born March 29, 1920 at Bonaparte, and departed this life on June 5, 2007 at the age of 87.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 15, at the Carman Center of the Mayflower Home in Grinnell and then at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, at the Lebanon United Methodist Church in Lebanon, with the Rev. Orlan Mitchell of the Mayflower and Deacon Diane Eberhart, Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating at both services. Music at the Carman Center will include Kyle Szary, pianist and Milton Severe, soloist, and at Lebanon United Methodist Church will include Kyle Szary organist. Honorary bearers will be her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Burial will be at the Lebanon Cemetery.



Memorial contributions may be directed to Mayflower Health Care Center Activity Fund.

Pauline attended Centennial Rural School at Mt Sterling, and graduated from Bonaparte High School in 1937.

She married Verne Elbert Watson of Stockport, on April 8, 1942. To this union was born a son, Vincent J. Watson. Verne was killed on a construction project at Cedar Rapids, in 1947.

Pauline worked at the Selective Service Board in Keosauqua, where she met her second husband. On August 7, 1949 she married Kenneth LaVerne McNabb of Troy. They lived on a farm north of Milton. To this union five children were born: Kathy Jo McNabb Szary, Randy Lee McNabb, Michael Gregory McNabb, Timothy Jon McNabb, and Kevin LaVerne McNabb.

Pauline was a member of the United Methodist Church at Lebanon, and served on the Mission Board. She was an active Farm Bureau member and for several years she was the Van Buren County Women's Farm Bureau Chairman. She was also very involved with her children's many 4-H projects.

In September 1993, Pauline purchased an efficiency apartment and moved to the Mayflower Home in Grinnell. Her life was enriched in so many ways at the Mayflower and she never had a dull moment from that point on in her life. She was chair of the Mini-Gift Shop, hall host, served on the Chapel Committee, Flower Garden Committee, Stamp Clippers, and enjoyed many Monday nights of Trivial Pursuit with fellow Mayflower residents. Pauline also delivered flowers and mail at Grinnell Regional Medical Center along with numerous volunteer activities there. She was a member of the Grinnell State Bank Heritage Club and enjoyed travel adventures with the Club throughout the United States. Her passions were her family, tending the beautiful flower gardens at the Mayflower, sewing, and quilting.

She is survived by her children Vincent Watson of Urbandale, Kathy Szary of Grinnell, Randy McNabb of Texhoma, Okla., Michael McNabb of Friendswood, Texas, and Kevin McNabb of Bellevue, Neb.; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one step-great-grandchild; two sisters Catherine Balmer and Genevieve Runyon of Bloomfield, and many wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Verne Watson and Kenneth McNabb; and her son, Timothy.