

Norma Jean Sharp



HR 7/30/07

Norma Jean Sharp, 67, of Grinnell died July 27, 2007, at her home.

Funeral services for Norma Jean Sharp will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 31, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with Pastor Len Eberhart of the church and Pastor Walt Claussen of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church officiating. Honorary bearers will include Scott and Curt Sharp; Tracy Fort; Brandon, Morgan, Lauren, Regan, Matthew and Madison Sharp; and Travis Bodigon. A private family burial will be held Wednesday morning at the Hickory Grove Cemetery in rural Jasper County.

Visitation will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Monday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, where the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Born Jan. 31, 1940, in Grinnell, she was the daughter of Harold E. and Lucille Bacon McCulloch. She was raised in the Newburg area and was a 1958 grad of Newburg High School. She attended Iowa State University for a year.

On Aug. 23, 1959, she married Delmar Eugene Sharp at the Newburg Congregational Church. The couple farmed in the Newburg area and she worked in management at GTE for 27 years. She retired on June 1, 1999.

She was a member of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church, where she was active with the Women's Fellowship, Women's Bible Study and the church choir. She was also a member of the GRMC Auxiliary and a hospital volunteer.

She is survived by her husband; three children, Scott of Grinnell, Curt of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Tracy Fort of Blair, Neb.; a sister, Phyllis Emmert of Grinnell; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church or Grinnell Regional Hospice.