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4-8 September 1973

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Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Grinnell Christian Church, with graveside services to be held at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday at the Newton Union Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, and the family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday.

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Burial was in Newton Union Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell in charge of arrangements. Memorials in Mrs. Benedict's name may be made to the Grinnell Christian Church.

The daughter of Albert and Ella Maye Munyon McCord, she was born on Nov. 26, 1907, at Agra, Kan. She was a graduate of Agra High School and later received her teaching certificate from Emporia Teachers College at Emporia, Kan. She then taught in rural schools.

On Nov. 4, 1930, she was married to Cecil A. Abbott at her parents' home near Agra. The couple entered the Christian ministry and lived in Kansas and Missouri before moving to Montezuma in 1956, where Mr.

Abbott was pastor of the Jackson Church of Christ. In 1960, the couple moved to Newton where she worked at the Jupiter Discount Store, retiring in 1973. Mr. Abbott preceded her in death on Sept. 10, 1973.

In April 1974 she was married to Richard Benedict of Hill City, Kan., and they lived there until his death in 1979. Mrs. Benedict then returned to Newton and was a member of the Grinnell Christian Church.

She is survived by three sons, Cecil Abbott of Friendswood, Texas, David Abbott of Converse, Texas, and Phil Abbott of Boise, Idaho; two daughters, Jolene Jones of Kellogg and Valeta Brown of Oakland Acres; 19 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two step-daughters; nine step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Lois Roller of Phillipsburg, Kan., and Meda Saunders and Hilma Cahill, both of Kansas City, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; her parents; one son, Dwight Abbott; and one brother, Gayle McCord.