

Jelene Brown rites Monday

Jelene Brown, 64, of 1533 Summer St., Grinnell, died of cancer Thursday, March 13, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Howard Lord, pastor of the Gladbrook United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Pallbearers were Duane Arment, James Kelly, Fred Steenhoek, Richard Strub, Jack L. Taylor and Larry Van Ervelde.

Burial was in the Westfield Cemetery. Memorials may be left at the Smith Funeral Home.

The daughter of Roy and Velma Lucille Stanley Steenhoek, she was born on Aug. 11, 1921, at Barnes City. The family came to the Grinnell area, and she graduated from Grinnell High School. She taught in rural schools near Grinnell and later in Hartwick

Elementary School and, for four years, at Montour. She attended Drake University during the summer months.

On June 4, 1947, she was married to Donald Brown at her parents' home southeast of Grinnell. The couple lived in the Montour area and came to Grinnell in 1951. Mrs. Brown was employed in the Food Service Department at Grinnell College until her retirement in 1985.

She was a past noble grand of the Rebekah Lodge and a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband; her children, Janis Reams of Montezuma, Beverly Geisler of Fuiton, Mo., Darwin of Council Bluffs and Leroy of Ames; five grandchildren; and one brother, Marvin L. Steenhoek of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Donna Mae Steenhoek.