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Lela May Dont
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Oct. 7
Lela May Dont, 63, of Heritage Manor, Newton, a longtime resident of Kellogg, died Saturday morning at Skiff Memorial Hospital in Newton.

Requiem Mass was celebrated at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newton, with the Rev. Joseph Denning officiating. Christian wake services were held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Johnson-Reese Chapel.

Private family graveside services were held Wednesday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

A memorial fund in Mrs. Dont's name will be accepted and may be left at the Johnson-Reese Funeral Home.

Pallbearers at the services, included Richard Tesser, Ralph Frahm, John Dhondt, Paul Muller, William Mattingly, and Joe Fleming.

The daughter of William and Mable Tesser, she was born May 10, 1915, in Grinnell. She attended schools here and was a graduate of Drake University.

Mrs. Dont was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the BPW, the Newton Women's Club, the Colfax Interfaith Spiritual Center, and the Iowa Teachers Association. She had taught school in Jasper County for 28 years, 18 of them in Kellogg. She retired in 1970.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley and Karen Dont, both of Newton, and three grandchildren, LeAnn, Lynn and Lonnie Appleby, all of Newton. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.