

## **Mildred Downey**

Mildred I. Downey, 94, of Grinnell died of Alzheimer's disease Thursday, July 23, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Casket bearers were Chuck Downey, Gary Downey, Fred Ederer, Keith Jack, Dennis Wilson and Reg Wells. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

She was born June 28, 1904, in rural Poweshiek County to Samuel and Alta Stanley Downey. She attended a rural school and graduated from Grinnell High School in 1923.

In 1925 she was employed at Morrison-Ricker Manufacturing Co. as a billing clerk and stenographer. She moved to Oregon in 1936 and worked for a food brokerage in Portland.

She returned to Grinnell in 1938 and worked for the Grinnell Glove Co. until the fall of 1941 when she accepted a clerical appointment with the War Department where she worked in the records section of the chief of staff's office. In 1942 she transferred to the Treasury Department's Bureau of Public Debt in Chicago and worked for 22 years until her retirement in December 1966. She then returned to Grinnell.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Dorothy Downey of Grinnell; two nephews; and four nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Keith; and one sister, Marveen Downey.

Memorials may be made to the Grinnell United Methodist Church Building Fund or to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

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