

Patty Evans, 78, of Grinnell died of cancer Thursday, Aug. 10, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Grinnell First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Tim Stewart officiating. Music was provided by organist was Denise Baustian, pianist Jeanette Tisdale, soloist Milton Severe and the church choir. Pallbearers were Burdette Able Jr., Gordon Abel, John Abel, Richard Brown, David Evans and Alan Jamison.

Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The daughter of Burdette and Lillian Patton Abel, she was born March 3, 1917, in Grinnell. She was a 1934 graduate of Grinnell High School and later attended Washington Junior College in Washington, lowa. She then taught in rural Poweshiek and Jasper County schools.

She was married to Donovan F. Evans Feb. 11, 1942, in Grinnell. She worked for 18 years as a secretary for the First Baptist Church. She was also a member of the church and served as treasurer and clerk, Sunday school teacher and a member of the church choir. She was also a member of the American Baptist Women and the Just-a-Mere Club.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Larry of Sioux Falls, S.D.; one daughter, Jan McCaffrey of Red Oak; five grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Harding of Grinnell, Elizabeth Lawrence of Sacramento, Calif., and Anna May Brown of Grinnell; and one brother, Burdette Abel of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mina Imhoff.