

Myrtle May Howard, 92 (Charles)

Myrtle May Howard, 92, of Grinnell died August 31, 1997, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were Wednesday, September 3, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Officiating the service was the Rev. Michael Smith of First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell.

Music was "Amazing Grace" and "In The Garden." The organist was Barbara Lien. Pallbearers were Ron Davis, Carroll Hammond, Gene Hammond, Montie Hammond, John Peak and Lon Shook. Honorary Bearers were Gene Brieting, Raymond Kooker, Willie Morrison and Larry Shook. Interment was at Pleasant Township Cemetery in Ewart.

The daughter of LaFayette and Jane McMeekin Wilson, Myrtle was born October 30, 1904, in Ewart, where she was raised and educated. She moved to Grinnell in 1921, and where she was married to Charles Howard in 1922. They were later divorced in 1931. While in

Grinnell, she was employed as a waitress at various restaurants including, the Dixie Inn, Ted's Place, Model Lunch, and Steak House. She retired in 1967.

Myrtle was a member of the Grinnell First Presbyterian Church and the Eagles Lodge Auxiliary. She held a passion for flowers and enjoyed tending to her gardens.

She is survived by one daughter, Donna Keup of Grinnell; one son-in-law, Marvin Sisson of Grinnell; two grandchildren, Joyce Shook of Grinnell and Karla Kooker of Winterset; six great grandchildren; one step-great grandchild; six great great grandchildren and one step-great great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Betty Sisson; and five brothers, William, Howard, Edward, Alfred, and Cecil "Pete" Wilson.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Myrtle May Howard Memorial Fund.

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