

Mrs. McDowell services held

Jessie Belle Boget McDowell, 89, of Searsboro died Feb. 4 at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were held Feb. 7 at the Harden Funeral Home in New Sharon, with burial at the Stewart Cemetery. Pallbearers were Roger McDowell, Ross Lincoln, Thomas Fleener, George Johnson, Ronald Baker, and Louis Watson. Flower attendants were Mrs. Richard Davis, Mrs. Ross Lincoln, and Mrs. Roger McDowell.

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Survivors include a son, Homer McDowell of Searsboro; a daughter, Vera McDowell of Ankeny; a brother, Frank Boget of Colorado; and two sisters, Gertrude Sandte of California and Ruby Fleener of Wisconsin. Mrs. McDowell was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Volney; and two children, Alfred and Gene McDowell.

Mrs. McDowell was a member of Holly Rebekah Lodge No. 309 for almost 71 years. She had been initiated when only 17, and a special dispensation was

issued for the occasion by the lodge. She had filled nearly every office in the lodge, and she had served as district deputy president. She was also a delegate to the Iowa Rebekah

Assembly. She served as chaplain of the local lodge until her health failed four years ago. For several years in succession, Mrs. McDowell had recorded a perfect attendance.

She was also a longtime member of the Searsboro Community Friends Church.

McDowell dies at St. Francis

Jessie Belle McDowell died at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell on Feb. 4. She was 89 years old.

Born June 3, 1888, in Poweshiek County, she was the daughter of A. Alonzo and Zella Clendenen Boget. After completing elementary school at the local Hickory Grove School, she attended high school in Montezuma and at Chillicothe, Mo.

She married Volney McDowell in Montezuma on March 6, 1907. The couple had six children, and spent their lives in Searsboro.

She was a member of the Searsboro Community Church, and had served as a president of local parent-teacher organizations. Also, she and

her husband ran the local phone system from the mid-30s to the 50s, when the operator system was replaced by dial phones.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Glen; her husband, four sons, Oran, Warren, Donald E. and Alfred

B. Surviving are one son Homer, and his wife Anna; one daughter, Vera May of Ankeny; two sisters, Mrs. Ruby Fleener of Dodgeville Wis., and Gertrude Sandte of Patterson, Calif.; a brother Frank Boget of Ft. Collins Colo., and a sister-in-law, Lota Kline of Friendship Manor in Grinnell.