

Walter E. McDowell

Walter E. "Pete" McDowell, 80, of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, formerly of Searsboro, died Sunday, July 19, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Hardin Funeral Home in New Sharon, with the Rev. Dennis Dorsheimer officiating. Burial was in Stewart Cemetery northwest of New Sharon. Military rites were conducted by the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

The son of George and Harriet Bartlett McDowell, he was born Nov. 11, 1911, near Searsboro. He was married to Viola Arvidson Dec. 11, 1941, in Lancaster, Mo.

Mr. McDowell was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He had retired in 1973 from National Byproducts, where he worked as a cookerman. He was a member of the American Legion post in Grinnell.

Surviving are one daughter, Sharon K. Ferguson of Montezuma; a stepdaughter, Vivian Jenkins of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and one sister, Amy Binegar of Grinnell.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Ollie and two in infancy; and one sister, Grace Taylor.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.