

Vera McNally



Vera McNally, 91, of Grinnell died of complications of an arm fracture Thursday, July 19, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Casket bearers were Adam, Alex, Chris and Dave Foster; Virgil Groth; Mike McNally; and Jim, Mary Ann and Jim Miller. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She was born April 2, 1910, in Persia, Iowa, to Bert and Anna Miller McDonald. She attended school in Oakland, Iowa, and moved to Grinnell where she worked as a nanny and graduated from Grinnell High School.

She was married to James C. McNally Feb. 9, 1930, in Grinnell. They owned and operated McNally's Grocery Store.

She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and sang in the church choir for 40 years. She was also a member of the Pythian Sisters, the Sunset Club, Chapter AU of TTT, the Grinnell Hospital Auxiliary, the Grinnell Historical and Literary Club and the Grinnell Museum Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary P. Miller of Cedar Rapids; one son, J. Michael of Atlanta, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James C. McNally, and her parents, Bert and Anna Miller McDonald. She is also survived by her son, James C. McNally, Jr.; two brothers, Paul and Robert McDonald; and one sister, Evelyn Coe.

Memorial contributions may be directed to her church or to Stewart Library.

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