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mb Verna O'Brien rites today

Verna R. O'Brien, 70, of 105 Sixth Ave., Grinnell, died Sunday evening, Dec. 30, at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. today at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Philip J. Ramstad, pastor of the Grinnell United Church of Christ—Congregational, officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of Geroge W. and Lucy L. Cook Askea, she was born Jan. 19, 1909, at Haskins. She attended school at Washington and later was graduated from Washington High School.

She lived in the Quad Cities area until World War II when she moved to Florida. She worked in the housekeeping departments of several Miami Beach hotels.

In 1964, she returned to the Quad Cities area and was employed by the Illini Hospital at Silvis, Ill. Following retirement in 1974, she came to Grinnell to live with her sister, Mrs. Nellie Monroe.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Robert G. (Grace) Kling of Rock Island, Ill., and Mrs. Nellie Monroe of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.