

A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 10, at the First Presbyterian Church in Grinnell. Burial will follow in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 12 noon on Sunday, and the family will be present from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church or to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

Velma Izeta Martindale was born on Aug. 13, 1918, the daughter of John and Anna Johnson McKeown in Henderson County, Ill. Soon afterwards, her family moved to Burlington, and she was raised and educated in Burlington and graduated from Burlington High School with the Class of 1937.

On Nov. 8, 1941, she married Harry Martindale in Burlington. When Harry and Velma moved their family to Grinnell in 1954, she joined the First Presbyterian Church. She sang in the choir and helped with various church activities. Velma worked as a cook at Davis Elementary School when her children were older.

Velma enjoyed cooking, knitting and crocheting; was a Blue Bird Leader and Den Mother; and could even say the alphabet backwards.

She is survived by her children, Lyla Stout of Burlington, Harvey Martindale of Grinnell, Mary Lou Doty of Grinnell and Ed Martindale of Havelock, N.C.; seven grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Harry in 1987; all of her brothers, Paul, Ralph, Jack and Fritz McKeown; and her sister, Twyla Murphy.

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