

## Helen Downer

Services were conducted Thursday at the Smith-McCracken Funeral Home in Newton for Helen McNeel Downer, 72, of 22 Woodside Ave., Newton, who died March 23 in Newton Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

Born in Washington, Mrs. Downer lived most of her life in Hackettstown before moving to Newton in 1949.

Mrs. Downer retired seven years ago after working for 27 years as a seamstress for McGregor Company in Netcong, Newton and Dover.

Surviving are two daughters, Doretta Van Dyk of Newton and Irene Van Dyk of Paulinskill Lake; a stepson, Leo Kroft of Somers Point; and five grandchildren.

Interment was in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

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OBITUARY:  
Helen McNeel Downer,  
Date of Death  
March 23, 1981