

---

## Leona E. Ahrens

Leona E. Ahrens, 83, of Grinnell died Monday, May 19, 2003, at St. Francis Manor.

A funeral service will be held Friday, May 23, at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Eugene Miller, retired pastor of Grand Mound United Methodist Church, officiating. Pallbearers will be Kenton Elliott, Brian, Kurt and Scott Gruhn, Dale Lenz and Cliff Schultz. Honorary bearers will be Ron Deppe, Steve Dhondt and Hank Higdon. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House.

She was born April 28, 1920, near Montezuma, the daughter of Frank and Alvena Schultz Carpenter. She was raised in the Grinnell and Malcom area, graduating from Grinnell High School. She taught rural school for several years near Grinnell. She was married on June 3, 1944, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Leo W. Ahrens. The couple lived for several years in Philadelphia and later in New London, Conn., while Mr. Ahrens served in the United States military. In 1946 they moved to a farm west of Grinnell. She had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since September 2002. She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.)

She is survived by one daughter Ann Allen of Grand Mound; one brother Gerald Carpenter of Des Moines and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter Cathy Brown; one sister, Opal Taylor, and one brother, Garland Carpenter.

---

H-R MAY 22, 2003

# Leona Ahrens, 83

Leona E. Ahrens, 83, of Grinnell, died Monday, May 19, 2003, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Services were held 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 23, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, with the Rev. Eugene Miller officiating.

The pallbearers were Kenton Elliott, Brian Gruhn, Kurt Gruhn, Scott Gruhn, Dale Lenz and Cliff Schultz. The honorary pallbearers were Ron Deppe, Steve Dhondt and Hank Higdon.

Interment was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Ronald McDonald House.

The daughter of Frank and Alvena (Schultz) Carpenter, she was born April 28, 1920, near Montezuma. She was raised in the Grinnell and Malcom areas. She graduated from Grinnell High School. She taught rural school near Grinnell for several years.

She married Leo W. Ahrens on June 3, 1944, in Philadelphia. The couple lived there before they moved to New London, Conn. The couple moved to a farm west of Grinnell in 1946.

She had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since September 2002. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; daughter, Cathy Brown; her sister, Opal Taylor; and her brother, Garland Carpenter.

Survivors include her daughter, Ann Allen of Grand Mound; her brother, Gerald Carpenter of Des Moines; and four grandchildren.

BC MAY 28, 2003

MR MAY 28, 2003

# Leona E. Ahrens, 83

Leona E. Ahrens, 83, of Grinnell died Monday, May 19, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Her funeral service was Friday, May 23, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Eugene Miller, retired pastor of the Grand Mound, Iowa United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

Pallbearers were Kenton Elliott, Brian, Kurt and Scott Gruhn, Dale Lenz and Cliff Schultz.

Honorary bearers were Ron Deppe, Steve Dhondt and Hank Higdon.

The daughter of Frank and Alvena Schultz Carpenter, she was born April 28, 1920, near Montezuma. She was raised in the Grinnell and Malcom area and was a graduate of Grinnell High School. She taught rural school for several years

near Grinnell. She was married to Leo W. Ahrens on June 3, 1944, in Philadelphia. The couple lived for several years in Philadelphia and later New London, Conn. while Leo served in the military. The couple moved to a farm west of Grinnell in 1946.

She had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since September of 2002. She was a member of the D.A.R.

Survivors include one daughter, Ann Allen of Grand Mound; one brother, Gerald Carpenter of Des Moines and four grandchildren.

Her husband; one daughter, Cathy Brown; one sister, Opal Taylor and one brother, Garland Carpenter, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Ronald McDonald House.