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Should friends desire memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Paul was born on Sept. 5, 1929, in Grinnell, to Stanley and Ruby Butler Ahrens. He was raised on the family farm and attended rural school. In 1948, he graduated from Grinnell High School. He served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

On Dec. 22, 1950, he was married to Juanita C. Anderson at the Trinity Lutheran Church. The couple made their home in Grinnell and he worked for over 20 years with Farm Service and for 10 years with the Poweshiek County Road Maintenance Department. During his retirement, he assisted the Smith Funeral Home for a few years.

Paul was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Elks Lodge of Grinnell. He enjoyed building model airplanes, collecting John Deere toys, bowling and golf. He also restored eight John Deere antique tractors.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Ahrens of Grinnell; one daughter, Barbara (Dennis) Bunkers of Spokane, Wash.; one daughter-in-law, Julie Ahrens, of Lawrence, Kan.; four grandchildren, Justin (Jerri) Ahrens, Andrea (Andy) Franklin, Kimberly (Keith) Brewer and Kelly (Nick) Bowman; two great-grandchildren, Matthew Ahrens and Aimee Franklin; one brother, Donald (Linda) Ahrens of Grinnell; and one sister, Norma (Bill) Fritz of Carlyle, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Ahrens; one brother, Raymond Ahrens; and one sister, Mary Ellen Curphy. PCCR 3-28-12



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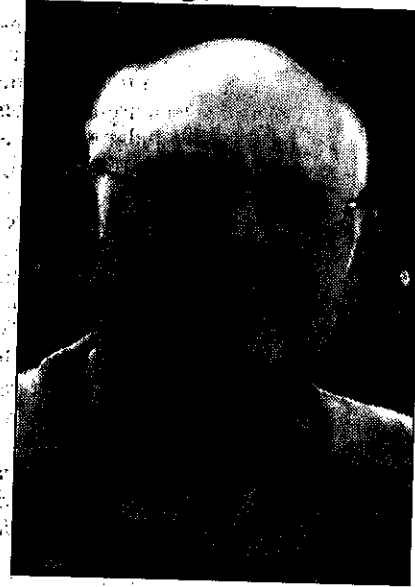
Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 12 noon on Friday, March 23. The family will be present at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday.

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