

Virginia M. Ahrens, 87

Virginia M. Ahrens, age 87, of Grinnell, died on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, with her family by her side at her lake home at Lake Ponderosa near Montezuma and was under the loving care of Grinnell Regional Hospice and Iowa Home Health.

A celebration of her life was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the Rev. Rose Blank, pastor of Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was at Pleasant Township Cemetery near Ewart.

Memorials may be designated in her name to Grinnell Regional Hospice and Iowa Health Home Care and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with her family at www.smithfh.com.

Virginia was born the daughter of Thomas and Nellie (Farmer) Watson on Aug. 20, 1925, in Grinnell. She was raised near Barnes City, and she graduated from Barnes City High School with the class of 1943. She attended Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls.

She was united in marriage with Donald W. Ahrens on Feb. 6, 1945, in Grinnell. The couple was blessed with five children, Linda, Richard, Vicki, Deborah, and Michael. They raised their family in Grinnell and she was a homemaker. She later worked at the Laundromat and Miracle Recreation in Grinnell.

Virginia was a member of the United Methodist Church in Grinnell and the Iowa Democratic Committee. She was a devoted wife and a wonderful mother and grandmother. She enjoyed making the holidays very special and festive for her family, especially with the excellent meals she prepared. She spent countless hours teaching her children and grandchildren how to fish at Lake Ponderosa. Her other enjoyments were playing the slot machines at the casino, gardening, and tending to her flowers.

She is survived by her children, Linda (Noel) Mumm of Missouri Valley, Richard (Carolyn) Ahrens of Grinnell, Vicki (Larry) Allen of Towanda, Ill., and Deb (Rob) Walker of Montezuma; 14 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; her sister, Florabelle Smith of Bettendorf; sister-in-law, Lu Ahrens of Montezuma; and daughter-in-law, Teresa Ahrens of Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Donald W. Ahrens on Aug. 19, 2001; her son, Michael Ahrens on July 21, 2010; a grandson-in-law, Steven Glass; and daughter-in-law, Shirley Kriegel Ahrens.

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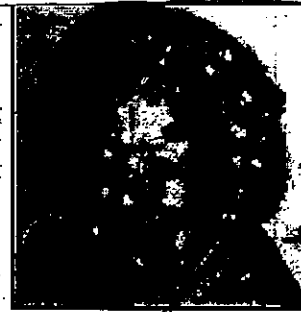
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