Julia Ahrens, 40, of Rte. 3, Grinnell, died of cancer Saturday morning at her home.

The body was cremated. A memorial service for Mrs. Ahrens will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Grinnell United Presbyterian Church, and friends may call the Smith Funeral Home for additional information.

The daughter of Robert C. and Maxine Palmer Williams, she was born Nov. 17, 1939, in Los Angeles, Calif. She attended high school in Sunland, Calif., after which she worked with a Los Angeles architect.

She was married to James A. Ahrens of Grinnell on Nov. 19, 1962. As an Air Force officer's wife for 11 years, she was active in the Volunteer Family Services Program and publicity writing. In 1973, the Ahrens returned to Grinnell to join the family farm corporation. She taught in Grinnell College's craft workshop and in adult education classes.

She was best known for watercolor paintings of local homes, farms and churches.

Mrs. Ahrens was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church here and the Des Moines Presbytey Committee.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Amelia and Abigail; her parents; and one brother, Loren Williams of Long Beach, Calif.

Should friends desire, memorials in Mrs. Ahrens' name may be made to the First United Presbyterian Church of Grinnell or the Grinnell Fine Arts Council.

Date of death - 8 Nov 1980
She was buried in Chester Cemetery.