George Ahrens

George Ahrens, 79, of Kellogg died Wednesday, July 13, 2005, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Funeral services for George Ahrens are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, July 18, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton, with Pastor Burnham Rand of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Des Moines officiating. Burial will be in Our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg.

A visitation is scheduled for Sunday, July 17, from noon to 5 p.m. at the funeral home; the family will greet friends between 2 and 4 p.m.

He was the son of Hazel Fell and Walter Ahrens, born Feb. 23, 1925, in Kane, Manitoba. After attending rural schools, he farmed with his family in Scott County.

He married Irene Detlef on Oct. 16, 1949, in Davenport. The couple moved to rural Kellogg in January of 1952.

He was an elder in the Seventh Day Adventist Church. At the age of 58, he studied for and received his private pilot's license. He continued to fly until his death.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Robert P. Ahrens of Lincoln, Neb., David R. Ahrens of Guthrie Center, Norman W. Ahrens of Tintah, Minn., and Lawrence J. Ahrens, also of Lincoln; a daughter, Narda Daugherty, also of Lincoln; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ellis Ahrens, Grover Ahrens and Gene Ahrens; one sister, Patricia Starr; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Hubert and Robert.

Memorials to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease research may be left at the funeral home.