

FORMER GRINNELL RESIDENT

Juanita Ahrens, 87



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Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church and sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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Survivors include her daughter, Barbara (Dennis) Bunkers of Spokane; and four grandchildren, Justin (Jerri) Ahrens of Eudora, Kansas, Andrea (Andy) Franklin of St. Louis, Missouri, Kimberly (Keith) Brewer of Spokane and Kelly (Nick) Bowman of Seattle, Washington; eight great grandchildren, Matthew, Aimee, Blake, Zachary,

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