FORMER GRINNELL RESIDENT
Juanita Ahrens, 87

Juanita Ahrens, 87, of Spokane, Washington, and formerly of Grinnell, died on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at the Aspen Quality Care Center in Spokane.

A funeral service was held Friday, December 22, 2017, at the Trinity Lutheran Church near Malcom with the Rev. Catherine Burroughs, pastor of the church, officiating. Organist will be Teresa Ziegennmeyer. Interment will be at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

The family will be present at the church one hour prior to the service. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to the Trinity Lutheran Church and in care of the Smith Funeral Home.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara (Denis) Bunkers of Spokane; and four grandchildren, Justin (Jerry) 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, Miles, Warren, Evelyn and Eliza; and one sister, June (Paul) Gregory of Altoona, Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2012; her son in 2005; two sisters, Elva Hulse and Wanda Parsons; and three brothers, Vernon "Cap" Anderson, Carrol "Shorty" Anderson and Wayne "Chick" Anderson.

Church near Malcom and to this union was born two children, Michael and Barbara. The couple made their home in Grinnell, where she was an elementary teacher in the Grinnell-Newburg School District for 34 years.

Juanita was a long time member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and served in the women's society of the church. She was also a member of the Iowa Retired School Personnel Association and served as secretary for that organization. She enjoyed collecting dolls, coins, candlewick dishes, special cups and saucers. She organized Anderson and Milligan reunions with many pictures to be enjoyed by all until she moved to Spokane in 2011.

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