

## Donald W. Ahrens



Donald W. Ahrens, 81, of 1623 Third Ave., Grinnell, died of congestive heart failure Sunday, Aug. 19, at his home.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at the Grinnell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Del Dawes officiating. Organist was Kathleen Heffner, and vocalist was Jessie Ahrens. Casket bearers were Richard Ahrens, Noel Mumm Jr., Danny LaGrange, Tony Allen, Bobby Allen, Donald LaGrange, Stefan Mumm, Robert Walker and Matthew Ahrens.

Burial was at Pleasant Township Cemetery, Ewart, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. The Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit conducted military honors.

He was the son of John and Mayme Badger Ahrens and was born Jan. 12, 1920, in Grinnell. He was raised in Grinnell and attended Grinnell schools. He moved to Wisconsin and graduated from high school there. During World War II, he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a ranger.

He was married to Virginia Watson Feb. 6, 1945, in Grinnell. They lived in Grinnell, and Mr. Ahrens operated a trucking business and later farmed. The family moved to Denison, Texas, where he worked as a sales representative for Miracle Recreation Equipment Co. They returned to Grinnell, and he worked as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service from 1964 to 1981.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, the American Legion and the Grinnell Stamp and Coin Club.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Linda Mumm of Missouri Valley, Vicki Allen of Towanda, Ill., and Debra Walker of Montezuma; two sons, Richard and Mike, both of Grinnell; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six sisters, Elizabeth Fanton, Mary Muckler, Katherine Cummings, Esther Wray, Josie Dunton and Wilma "Billie" Nolan; and three brothers, John, Claude and Carl.

Memorials may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice.

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