

Helpful Life Of Mrs. Henry H. Ahrens Is Over

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Ida Clara Augusta Schultz, youngest daughter of Fred and Nettie Dostal Schultz, was born in Malcom township February 21, 1870. She was baptized in infancy and in her early youth confirmed in the Trinity Lutheran church of Malcom, to which she remained faithful to the end. She received her education in the rural schools of Malcom township.

She spent her early womanhood with her parents on the farm east of Grinnell until her marriage to Henry H. Ahrens of Sheridan township. They established house-keeping in Sheridan township where they resided for three years. They then moved to the vicinity of her birth where they lived with the exception of eleven years which were spent in Grinnell.

To this union were born two children, Nellie M. of Grinnell and Lester, who resides on the old home farm.

Mrs. Ahrens was always known as an ambitious, cheerful, unselfish woman. Her chief interests were always in her home and children. The last four years of her life have been made much happier by her little grandson, Robert Lester Ahrens.

Mrs. Ahrens had enjoyed exceptionally good health until last spring when she was stricken with the heart ailment which was the cause of her death. In spite of all the medical attention and the loving care of her family and friends, the end came suddenly, but peacefully at 1:25 p. m. on July 26, 1934 at her home at 1839 Sixth avenue, Grinnell, Iowa. The day of her death occurred exactly 44 years after the death of her mother who passed away July 26, 1890. Mrs. Ahrens was preceded in death, besides her mother, by her father who passed away in February 1912, and her sister, Mrs. Ella Bahrenfuse, who died in April, 1929.

Besides her son and daughter and husband, she leaves to mourn her loss her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lester Ahrens, her grandson, Robert Ahrens, two sisters, Mrs. Emma Speth of Davenport, Ia., and Mrs. Mary Ingerman of Grinnell, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from the Trinity Lutheran church with Rev. Arnold Thalacker in charge. Interment was in the Lutheran cemetery. Mrs. John Carter and Mrs. Roscoe Dempster sang "Somebody Cares" and "Abide with Me." Pallbearers were C. B. Appleby, Martin Schultz, Otto Kelm, Gus Kelm, Will Osborne and Will Ahrens. Mrs. Will Steenhoek and Miss Ida Burnson were in charge of the floral offerings which were numerous and beautiful.