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Leo Ahrens
March 15, 1995

The son of Henry Carl and Geneva Adkins Ahrens, Leo was born Feb. 6, 1917, on his parent's farm in Jasper County. His middle name Wesley, was given to him by his uncle, John. He attended Rock Creek #6 rural school and was a 1934 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy during World War II, serving on the submarine U.S.S. Porpoise.

He was married to Leona Carpenter June 3, 1944, in Philadelphia, Pa., and the couple lived in Philadelphia and New London, Conn., while Leo served in the Navy. They moved to their present farm west of Grinnell in Jan. of 1946, where they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1994.

Leo was a former clerk and served on the Board of Trustees in Rock Creek Township. He also served on the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Board. He was a 57 year member of the Grinnell Elks B.P.O. Lodge #1266 and a member of the Grinnell American Legion Focht - Tenant Post #53.

He is survived by his wife, Leona of Grinnell; two daughters, Ann Allen of Grand Mound, and Cathy Brown of Omaha, Neb.; a sister, Verona Parmley of Grinnell; and four grandchildren, Todd Allen, Christy Allen, Christopher Brown, and Colin Brown.

Leo died March 11, at Grinnell Hospital at the age of 78. He was preceded in death by his mother, April 9, 1972; his father, Oct. 25, 1978; and a sister in infancy, Leta Grace Ahrens.

Funeral services will be held March 15 at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell.

The Rev. John Epperson of Christian Church, Grinnell, Iowa will perform the services.

Music will be provided by organist Margaret Wheeler, playing "In The Garden" and "How Great Thou Art".

Pallbearers are Kenton Elliott, Ramon Gruhn, Kenny Keenan, Kirk Deenan, James Owens and Jeff Owens. Honorary bearers are Albert Deppe, Lloyd Durr, Hank Higdon, Art Smith, Bill Vogt and Jerry Youngbeck.

Veterans ceremonial rites will be conducted by Grinnell Legion Post #53.

Interment will follow services at Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

MR March 15, 1995

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Leo Ahrens, 78

Leo Wesley Ahrens, 78, Grinnell, died March 11, 1995 at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 1995 at Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, Ia. The Rev. John Epperson, Christian Church, Grinnell, officiated the services. Margaret Wheeler was organist with music selections of "In The Garden" and "How Great Thou Art." Pallbearers were Kenton Elliott, Ramon Gruhn, Kenny Keenan, Kirk Keenan, James Owens, and Jeff Owens. Honorary bearers were Albert Deppe, Lloyd Durr, Hank Higdon, Art Smith, Bill Vogt, and Jerry Youngbeck. Veterans ceremonial rites were conducted by members of the Grinnell American Legion Focht-Tennant Post #53. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell.

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Leo is survived by his wife, Leona of Grinnell; two daughters, Ann Allen, Grand Mound, Ia., and Cathy Brown, Omaha, Neb.; a sister, Verona Parmley of Grinnell; and four grandchildren, Todd Allen, Christy Allen, Christopher Brown, and Colin Brown.

HR March 13, 1995

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Leo Wesley Ahrens, 78, of rural Grinnell died Saturday, March 11, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson of the Grinnell Christian Church officiating. Organist will be Margaret Wheeler.

Pallbearers will be Kenton Elliott, Ramon Gruhn, Kenny Keenan, Kirk Keenan, James Owens and Jeff Owens. Honorary bearers will be Albert Deppe, Lloyd Durr, Hank Higdon, Art Smith, Bill Vogt and Jerry Youngbeck.

Veterans ceremonial rites will be conducted by members of Focht-Tenant Post No. 53, Grinnell American Legion, with burial in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Henry Carl and Geneva Adkins Ahrens, he was born Feb. 6, 1917, on his parents' farm in Jasper County. He attended Rock Creek No. 6 rural school and was a 1934 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was married to Leona Carpenter June 3, 1944, in Philadelphia. They lived in Philadelphia and New London, Conn., while Mr. Ahrens served in the military. They moved to their farm west of Grinnell in 1946.

Mr. Ahrens was a former clerk and served on the board of trustees in Rock Creek Township. He also served on the rural volunteer fire department board. He was a 57-year member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Ann Allen of Grand Mound and Cathy Brown of Omaha, Neb.; a sister, Verona Parmley of Grinnell; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Leta Grace Ahrens in infancy.