

## Raymond Ahrens



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Raymond D. Ahrens, 69, of 531 East St., Grinnell, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines of injuries he received when he fell from a ladder.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church near Malcom, with the Rev. Herb Knudten officiating. Organist was Teresa Ziegenmeyer, and vocalist was Marlene Gritsch. Casket bearers were his grandchildren, Sarah and Jonathan Ziegenmeyer; Stefanie, Skyler, Casie, Kenzie Rae, Whitney, Rebecca and Katie Ahrens; and Ricky Davis. Burial was in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 1, 1930, in Grinnell to Stanley Raymond and Ruby Alma Butler Ahrens. He was raised on the family farm and attended Chester No. 6 School. He was a 1949 graduate of Grinnell High School.

He was married to Mary Louise Grandstaff in January 1951, and the couple farmed northeast of Grinnell. In addition to farming, Mr. Ahrens provided maintenance for the Sheridan Township telephone system.

In March 1982, he was married to Connie Davis in Des Moines. They lived on the farm northeast of Grinnell until moving to Grinnell in 1988. Since his retirement, Mr. Ahrens had worked for Ahrens Trailer Co.

He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and was active in the Lutheran Brotherhood. He was also a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and was past president of the Poweshiek County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his wife, Connie; two daughters, Teresa Ziegenmeyer of Grinnell and Laura Ahrens of Eolia, Mo.; three sons, William of Grinnell, Kenneth of Houston, Texas, and Russell of Mount Vernon, Mo.; five stepchildren, Jim Davis of Utah, Judy, Dan and Rick Davis of Des Moines and Mary Davis of California; nine grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; two brothers, Paul and Don, both of Grinnell; and two sisters, Norma Fritz of Carlyle, Ill., and Mary Ellen Curphy of Grinnell.

His parents preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be directed to his church.