

Ruby A. Ahrens (STANLEY)

Ruby A. Ahrens, 78, of 1528 Hobart St., Grinnell, died Monday, Sept. 25, at St. Francis Manor.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Gerald Brown officiating. Music was by Susie Ede-len, organist, and Marlene Gritsch and Kathy Loftin, vocalists. Pallbearers were grandsons Dana, Darrin, Kenny, Mike, Russell and William Ahrens, Dale Fritz and Joel Morrison.

Burial was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the church.

The daughter of Robert and Lucy ~~Painley~~ Butler, she was born April 2, 1911, west of Grinnell in Jasper County. She attended schools in Jasper and Poweshick counties and later attended Grinnell High School.

She was married to Stanley Ahrens April 3, 1929, in Newton. The couple farmed in Chester Township from 1930 to 1969, then moved to Grinnell. Mrs. Ahrens had worked in the lunch program at Fairview Elementary School.

She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday school for over 25 years. She was also a member of the Ladies Aid of the church.

Surviving are her husband; three sons, Paul, Raymond and Donald, all of Grinnell; two daughters, Norma Fritz of Carlyle, Ill., and Mary Curphy of Mesa, Ariz.; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Myrle Rink of Rochester, Minn., Faye Griffith of Pico Rivera, Calif., and Gretchen Beck of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents; one grandson; one sister, Grace Duarte; and four brothers, Lawrence, Arnold, Carl and Robert Butler.

H. R. September 25, 1977