

Thurs. May 7, 1970
Grinnell, Iowa

Shel Ahrens Dies; Services Saturday

Shel Ahrens, age 62, owner of the Elm's Lounge in Grinnell, died suddenly Wednesday evening at University Hospitals in Iowa City after hospitalization the last five days.

The son of Henry A. and Ella May Zahart Ahrens, Mr. Ahrens was born at Conroy, Iowa, on Sept. 15, 1907. His family moved to Grinnell when he was one year old and he has lived in the Grinnell community since. He attended the former Chester No. 5 school north of Grinnell and later was associated with Goodrich and Ahrens in the Central and North Food Markets as a meat cutter for 20 years.

Following World War II, he operated an appliance store for a time before entering the restaurant business. Among the restaurants he operated were Candyland, the Rex, Tropic Club, Flomar Cafe at Brooklyn, and the Longhorn and he had been operating the Elm's Lounge. He was a member of the Grinnell Elks Club.

Survivors include two sisters and two brothers — Mrs. Lyman A. (Inez) Sanders of Ceres, Calif., Delmar F. Ahrens and Alden E. Ahrens both of Grinnell, and Mrs. Lloyd (Jean) Jordan of Brookfield, Mo., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Ahrens was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, H. A. Ahrens.

Funeral services for Shel Ahrens will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at the Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Hugh A. Shiveley, pastor of the First Baptist church officiating.

Burial will be made in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home.