

Stanley R. Ahrens



H-R December 5, 1996

Stanley Raymond Ahrens, 88, of Grinnell died at his home Sunday, Dec. 1.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church north of Malcom, with the Rev. Herb Knuten officiating. Organist was Susie Edelen, and soloist was Marlene Gritsch. Pallbearers were Dana, Darrin, Kenneth, Michael, Russell and William Ahrens, Dale Fritz and Joel Morrison.

Burial was in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of William J. and Mary Meyers Ahrens, he was born Dec. 4, 1907, on the family farm in Chester Township. He received his education in rural school.

He was married to Ruby Alma Butler April 3, 1929, in Newton, and the couple farmed in Chester Township for many years. They retired and moved to Grinnell in 1969.

Mr. Ahrens was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church and served on the church council. He was a 50-year member of the Farm Bureau and a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge. He served on the rural school board and the local telephone board.

Surviving are his children, Paul of Grinnell, Raymond of Grinnell, Norma Fritz of Carlyle, Ill., Donald of Grinnell and Mary Curphy of Grinnell; one sister, Lucille Butler of Grinnell; 15 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one grandson and a sister, Alice Edgington.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.