

David Maxwell Ahrens

David Maxwell Ahrens, 80, of the Tri-City Richland, Pasco and Kennewick area of Washington state and formerly of Grinnell, died March 9, 2013.

A memorial service and burial of the cremains is scheduled for June 8, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Richland. Einar's Funeral Home in Richland is in charge of the arrangements.

He was born Oct. 3, 1932, the son of Delmar F. and Betty Maxwell Ahrens and grew up in Grinnell, graduating from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1950. He then served the country in the Korean War, and later graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in civil engineering.

During his career as a civil engineer, he helped oversee major projects building America's power system in Iowa, California, New Jersey and Washington. After retiring from Hanford, he traveled the country researching genealogy and visiting family and friends. He spent time volunteering at the Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science and Technology museum showing visitors the history of the Hanford plant.

He is survived by two sons, Jody Ahrens and Steven Shanholz; a daughter, Cathy Shanholz; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Carol Beth Jeske and Marilee Bonyata.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives, Marsha Shanholz and Shirley Whalen; his daughter Sara Ahrens Weather Wax; and a son Michael Shanholz.

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