

Edward F. Ahrens, Jr.



Edward F. Ahrens, Jr., 91, died March 10, 2014, at the VA Hospital in Iowa City. Memorial services were held March 15 at Behner Funeral Home in Fairfield, and burial was at Evergreen Cemetery in Fairfield with military rites.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Fairfield Swimming Pool Fund or the Keosauqua Swimming Pool Fund. Cards and memorials can be sent to: PO Box 307, Keosauqua, Iowa 52565.

Edward F. Ahrens, Jr., was born Sept. 20, 1922, to Edward F. and Carrie Shultz Ahrens in Grinnell. He married Roberta Willson June 4, 1948, in Fairfield. She died Jan. 1, 2003.

Edward graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1941, and attended Parsons College for three years. Edward served in the Army during WWII. He operated Ahrens Candy Wholesale for 37 years before he retired in 1986. In 1992 he and his wife moved to Keosauqua. Edward was a member of the Elks Lodge #1192, Keosauqua Riverview Club and the Circle B Coffee Club.

Edward is survived by his four daughters, Abby Bemis of Norwalk, Pat Ahrens Peck of Keosauqua, Jane Pilz of Santee, Calif., and Mary Ahrens Roland of Iowa City; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife Roberta; his parents; three brothers, Freeman, Wes and Bill Ahrens; and one sister, Verna Tullis.