

## Esther Ahrens

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Esther Marie Ahrens, 80, of the Mayflower died Monday, Oct. 17, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

A memorial service was conducted Thursday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Lon L. Lewis, pastor of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery.

The daughter of Louis and Elida Thoreson Larsen, she was born Dec. 11, 1913, in Grinnell. She was a 1931 graduate of Grinnell High School.

She was married to Elden "Al" Ahrens March 7, 1939, in Grinnell. They farmed in the Grinnell area for many years. Mrs. Ahrens had been a resident of the Mayflower since 1988. She was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her children, James of Lexington, Mo., Sally Aman of Herndon, Va., and Thomas of Grinnell; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Larsen of Grinnell and Roger Larsen of Columbus, Neb.; and two sisters, Louise Wickman of Grinnell and Doris Marino of Hibbing, Minn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; four brothers, Carl, Ralph, Lloyd and Don Larsen; and a sister, Thelma Larsen.

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