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Rites set for John Ahrens

John L. Ahrens, 67, of Lake Ponderosa near Montezuma died suddenly early Sunday of an apparent heart attack at Grinnell General Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Marcus E. Reitz, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery. Friends may call the James-Schalinske Funeral Home for additional information.

The son of John W. and Mary B. Badger Ahrens, he was born June 13, 1908, at Chamberlain, S.D. Mr. Ahrens had developed the Lake Ponderosa housing project.

He is survived by his wife, Luverne; five children, Mrs. Freddy (Mary Lu) Watson, John G. Ahrens, and William W. Ahrens, all of Lake Ponderosa; Mrs. Marvin (Connie) Schmeiser of Rhinelander, Wis., and Robert K. Ahrens, a student at Iowa State University; seven grandchildren; and eight brothers and sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Fanton of Gilman, Mrs. Katherine Cummings, Mrs.

Mary Muckler, Mrs. Laird (Esther) Wray, Claude Ahrens, Carl E. Ahrens, all of Grinnell, Mrs. John (Billie) Nolan of Sylvania, Ohio, and Donald W. Ahrens of Grinnell.

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The son of John and Mary Badger Ahrens, he was born June 13, 1908, in Chamberlain, S.D. He attended schools at Newburg and Grinnell and was graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1925.

On July 2, 1940, he was married to Luverne Breed in Embarrass, Wis. The couple had five children. Following their marriage, Mr. Ahrens manufactured and sold Miracle Whirl. He later farmed and managed a farm implement shop.

In 1945, the Ahrens family moved to Iowa and farmed in the Grinnell and Blue Point areas. He was employed at Ahrens Manufacturing Co. for nine years.

In 1964, Mr. Ahrens began the Lake Ponderosa development near Montezuma and had lived there since. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

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