

Paul Ahrens dies; headed Miracle Co.



Paul Ahrens

Paul Ahrens, 50, of Monett, Mo., formerly of Grinnell, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, in a Springfield, Mo., hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Grinnell, with the Rev. David Bowman officiating. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

The son of Claude and Dorothy "Dolly" Hey Ahrens, he was born Feb. 14, 1939, in Grinnell. He graduated from Grinnell High School and attended the University of Iowa and Pomona College in Claremont, Calif.

Mr. Ahrens began his career with Miracle Recreation Co. in 1959 and had worked in various positions with the company. He was chairman of the board at the time of his death.

He was instrumental in developing new manufacturing processes and products for Miracle and served as a member of the advisory board of the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

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he was a member of the Lions Club and the Uncle Sam's Club board of directors. He was co-holder of the golf course record at the Grinnell Country Club and was a former winner of the Grinnell Invitational golf tournament. He was a second-team selection on the Des Moines Register's all-state basketball squad in 1957. He served with the U.S. Army Reserves for six years.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy of Monett; a son, Chad of Iowa City; two daughters, Susan Ahrens of Iowa City and Julie Ahrens of Grinnell; and his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Paul Ahrens Golf Project of the Grinnell Country Club.

Paul W. Ahrens

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The Rev. David B. Bowman, pastor of the church, officiated. Eulogist was Paul Wallen, organist was Joyce Wubbels, and vocalist was Marvin E. Kelley.

Pallbearers were Bill, John and Richard Ahrens, Lyle Muckler, John Nolan and

David Palmer. Honorary bearers were Al Ahrens, Ed Bock, Larry Crawford, Charles G. Irvine, Mike O'Connor, Jerry Robison, Carter Thomson, Bob Ahrens, Bob Brown, Jerry Hagen, Frank James, Jim Pefferman, Wendell Sleenwenhoek, Paul Wallen, Vaughn Walker, Ned Postels and Rick Ramsey.

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