

BC April 27, 1994

Wilma Ahrens (WESLEY E.)

The daughter of Henry and Clara Hink Luttman, Wilma was born Aug. 5, 1908 on the family farm in Chester Township,

Poweshiek county. She was baptized and confirmed in the Trinity Lutheran Church near Malcom and received her education at a rural school near her home.

She was married to Wesley E. Ahrens December 8, 1935 at St. John's Lutheran parsonage in Grinnell. Wilma assisted her husband in operating the North Market on Broad Street for many years. They worked 12 to 14 hours per day at their store, but they had spare time for fishing and playing cards with their friends. She also enjoyed cooking and working in her vegetable and flower gardens. She was a long-time member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the women's circle.

She is survived by two brothers, Lester and Merlin Luttman, both of Grinnell and several nieces and nephews.

Wilma died April 23 at Grinnell Hospital at the age of 85. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, May 28, 1991; a sister, Alma Graff, and a brother, Delmar Luttman.

Funeral was held April 26 at Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, with the Rev. Arvid Dixen, St. John's Lutheran. Pallbearers were LeRoy Calvin, Dennis Fleener, Al Graff, Larry Jones, Terry Schmidt, Sgt. Jerry Simmons with interment in Hazelwood cemetery, Grinnell.

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Wilma E. Ahrens, 85, of 834 Summer St. died Saturday, April 23, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center. She had been a resident of Friendship Manor since September 1992.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Arvid Dixen, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiating. Organist will be Margaret Amo, and vocalists will be LeRoy and Doris Calvin. Pallbearers will be LeRoy Calvin, Dennis Fleener, Al Graff, Larry Jones, Terry Schmidt and Sgt. Jerry Simmons. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

She was the daughter of Henry and Clara Hink Luttman and was born Aug. 5, 1908, in Chester Township. She was married to Wesley E. Ahrens Dec. 8, 1935, in Grinnell. The couple owned and operated the North Market on Broad St. for many years before retiring in the early 1970s.

Mrs. Ahrens was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the church's women's circle.

Surviving are two brothers, Lester and Merlin Luttman, both of Grinnell. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one sister, Alma Graff; and a brother, Delmar Luttman.

H.R. April 25, 1994