



Willis Wayne Ahrens

January 1, 1753 - January 22, 2008

Oskaloosa, Iowa

Visitation: 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. followed by Masonic services conducted by Frank Wilson. January 26, 2008 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Funeral Service: 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Dr. Dennis E. Morey officiating assisted by Rev. Hans Cornelder of the First Presbyterian Church of Oskaloosa, Iowa. January 27, 2008 at Fremont Funeral Chapel

Interment: Cedar Township North Cemetery, Fremont, Iowa.

Willis Ahrens was born August 20, 1926 southwest of Fremont, Iowa the son of Wayne Roscoe and Edna Caves Ahrens. He was raised in the Fremont area and attended Fremont and Cedar Schools. He graduated from Cedar High School in 1944 and later returned there to teach. He received his bachelor's degree from William Penn College, master's degree from Northeast Missouri State College in elementary administration and supervision, and later earned a master's degree in secondary education. He served as principal for Franklin, Lincoln, and Douma Elementary Schools in Ottumwa. He was named reading supervisor for the Ottumwa Central Office and was director of curriculum and personnel. He spent his last 10 years in education as the assistant superintendent in Ottumwa. Willis was a teacher, principal and personnel director during his 43 years of working in the education field. He was employed in Cedar, Fremont, Hedrick and retired from the Ottumwa Community School District.

Willis served his country proudly in the U.S. Army from 1944 until 1946 in the South

Pacific during WWII, and also worked in the headquarter offices for General Douglas McArthur.

Willis was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa, a lifetime member of the Harry L. Anderson American Legion Post #34 and VFW Post #2237, Masonic Council Lodge #664 of Oskaloosa and received his 50 year pin from the Masonic Lodge Council #664 April 30, 2003. He was a member of the Mahaska County Farm Bureau and a lifetime member of the Mahaska County Historical Society.

He is survived by three sisters, Agnes Ahrens of Oskaloosa, Ellen Kellett & her husband Ray of Canyon Lake, California, and Ruth Davis & her husband Everett of Chariton, Iowa, two brother-in-laws, Mayo Grubb of Oskaloosa and Gilbert Hamilton of Omaha, Nebraska, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Maude Evelyn Storm, Eunice Grubb, and Kathryn Hamilton.

Memorials may be made in his name to either Hospice of Mahaska County or the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa.