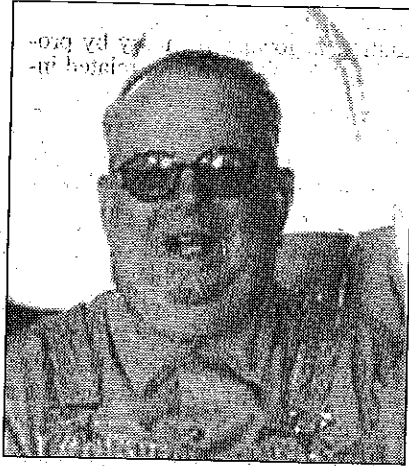


## Vernon R. Graham



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Memorials may be made to Newburg-Chester Congregational Church or to the Odd Fellows Lodge.

He was born March 5, 1931, in Grinnell, the son of Earl and Laura Belle Copeland Graham. He was raised on the family farm, rural Grinnell, and attended Chester #2 School. He graduated from Newburg High School in 1948.

On Dec. 5, 1954, he was united in marriage with Phyllis Darlene Kirby in Newburg. They operated a grain and

livestock farm in Chester Township until moving recently to Seeland Park in Grinnell.

He was a member of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church. He had served on several committees including the Poweshiek County Extension Council and the Poweshiek County 4-H Council; for 12 years on the Grinnell-Newburg Board of Education; the board of directors of St. Francis Manor and board of directors of Seeland Park. He was a member of the Farm Bureau, the Grinnell Elks Lodge, Sonora Grange and the International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F).

He is survived by his wife Phyllis Graham of Grinnell; one son David Graham of Grinnell; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister Loretta Siebke of Davenport and two brothers, George Graham of Grinnell and Duane Graham of Bloomington, Minn. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son Ronald; an infant grandson; and one sister, Eulice Fabacher.

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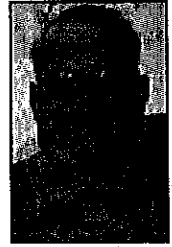
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He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Graham of Grinnell; one son, David (Debra) Graham of Grinnell; one daughter-in-law, Mary Van Zee of Grinnell; three grandchildren, Laura (Jason Harmer) Graham, Patricia (Cody) Stoaks and Samantha Graham; two great-grandchildren, Skyler and Lilly Stoaks; one sister, Loretta Siebke of Davenport; and two brothers, George Graham of Grinnell and Duane Graham of Bloomington, Minn.

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