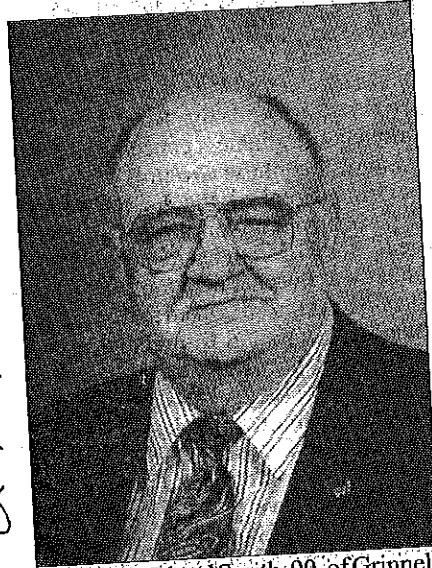


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Memorials may be directed to the Victor Baptist Church or to the East Iowa Bible Camp.

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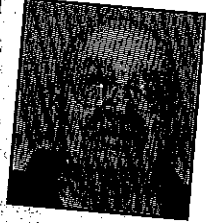
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The couple farmed near Millersburg and they were members of the Community Church. In 1959, they moved to the Brooklyn area to farm. He was an active member of the Victor Baptist Church and served as Sunday school superintendent, teacher and deacon and Melvin and Arlene welcomed missionaries and guest speakers into their home. He was active in the Christian Farmer's Association, and he also served on the Advisory Board of Grace University in Omaha. They moved to Grinnell in 1998, and he has resided at Careage of Newton for the past few years.

Survivors include his children, Dean Smith of Sun City, Ariz., Ken Smith of Newton, Linda Gross of Victor and Rhonda Klaassen of Brooklyn; 13 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one sister, Doris Burden of Springfield, Mo.; and one brother, Floyd Smith of North English.

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