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He was united in marriage with Shirley Ann Krieger on Oct. 15, 1977, in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brooklyn. She died on Jan. 16, 1999. He was united in marriage with Teresa Ann Wilkins on Feb. 25, 2009, also in Brooklyn.

He had resided in Grinnell for many years. He was employed at Maytag in Newton for over 30 years, retiring on April 30, 2009. He was a member of the Grinnell Eagles Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Teresa of Grinnell; his mother, Virginia of Grinnell; his daughters and son, Jamie Glass of Brooklyn and Amber Wallerich and Matt Ahrens of Grinnell; two step children, Lauryl and Kassie Wilkins of Grinnell; three sisters, Linda Mumim of Missouri Valley, Vicki Allen of Towanda, Ill., and Debbie Walker of Montezuma; one brother, Richard Ahrens of Grinnell; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father; his first wife, and a son-in-law, Steve Glass.
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He was devoted to his family and enjoyed spending his time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, golfing, and mushroom hunting. He also enjoyed traveling, playing cards, going to casinos, and classic cars. He held a great sense of humor and enjoyed having fun with pranks.

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