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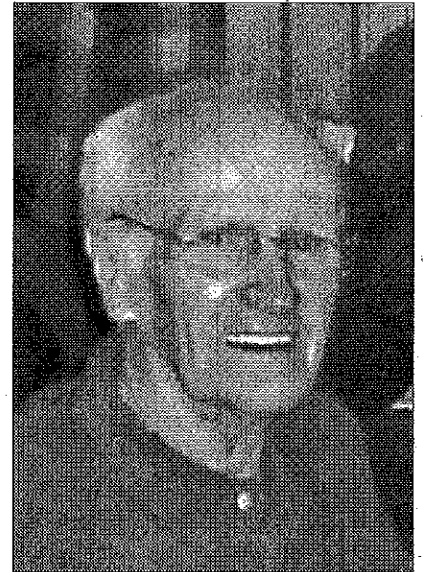
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A memorial in his name will be established at a later date.

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He was united in marriage with Sally L. McCray on July 30, 1950, in Mason City. They moved to Cedar Falls in 1953 where he was employed as an electrician at the John Deere Company in Waterloo for over 33 years. They moved to Lake Ponderosa, rural Montezuma, in 1987 and to Grinnell in 2006.

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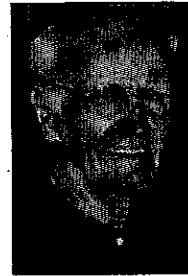
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Richard enjoyed building and flying model airplanes, fishing and trapshooting.

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