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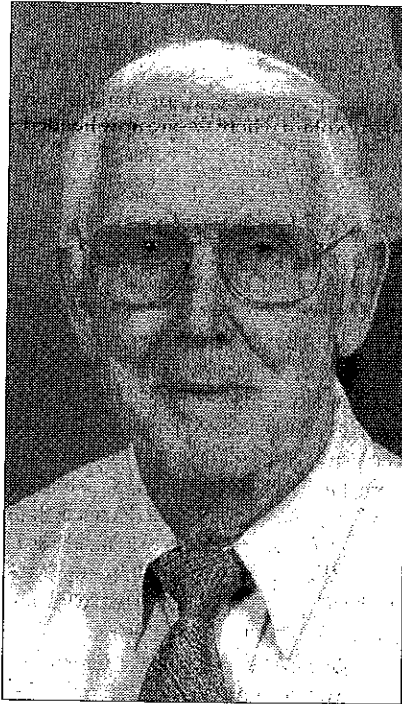
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During World War II he served with the Merchant Marines.

He was united in marriage with Jacquetta Jean Strifert on March 19, 1949, in Sioux City. They moved to Grinnell where he began a research program in hybrid corn for Cargill with whom he was employed for 35 years including several trips to Hawaii where he worked with its winter nursery. He retired in August, 1984.

He was a member of Grinnell United Methodist Church, volunteering for several years with its Meals on Wheels; a member of Grinnell Kiwanis Club; and served on the board of directors of The Second Mile.

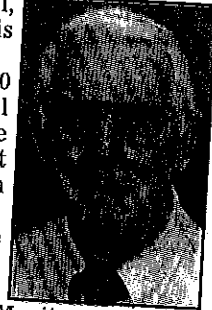
He is survived by his wife Jackie of Grinnell; his sons and daughter, Kerry Halverson of North Prairie, Wis., and Gail Wien and Bart Halverson, both of Kansas City, Mo.; three grandchildren; one great grandson; and two sisters, Vera Hagedorn of Maryland and Shirley Gorder of California. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Gregory Halverson, and two brothers and sisters.

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Gordon was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church where he also volunteered with Meals on Wheels for several years. He was a member of Kiwanis Club and served on the board of directors of Second Mile. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing courses around the U.S., especially along the Texas gulf coast during the winter months. He was proud to have scored 3 holes-in-one.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie of Grinnell; three children, Kerry (Cindie) Halverson of North Prairie, Wis., Gail (Bill) Wien of Kansas City, Mo., and Bart (Diana) Halverson of Kansas City, Mo.; three grandchildren, Matthew (Sarah) Halverson of Seattle, Chris (Angela) Halverson of Chicago, and Lauren Halverson of Kansas City; one great-grandson, Gregory Halverson of Seattle; two sisters, Vera Hagadorn of Maryland and Shirley Gorder of California; and several nieces and nephews.

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