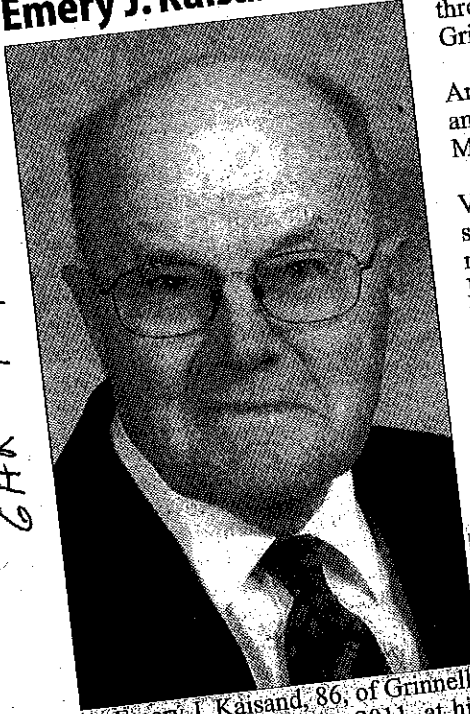


Emery J. Kaisand



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Memorial contributions may be designated to Grinnell Regional Hospice, St. Francis Manor Foundation, or to the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.smithfh.com.

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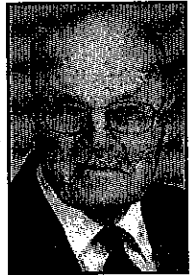
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