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He is survived by his sister, Ruth Spencer of Centerville; his children Terry (Sheryl) Eickelberg of Adel, Phoebe (Mike) O'Connor of Centerville, Susie (Art) Johnson of Grinnell, Nancy Baumgartner of Grinnell, Julie (Fred) Reed of Johnston, Peg (Randy) Hausler of Iowa City, Ted (Jenelle) Eickelberg of New Braunfels, TX and Sarah (Bob) Jameson of Cincinnati, OH; 21 grandchildren; and 17 greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Phoebe Kyle and Dorothy

The family will hold a private memorial service and committal of ashes at a future date.