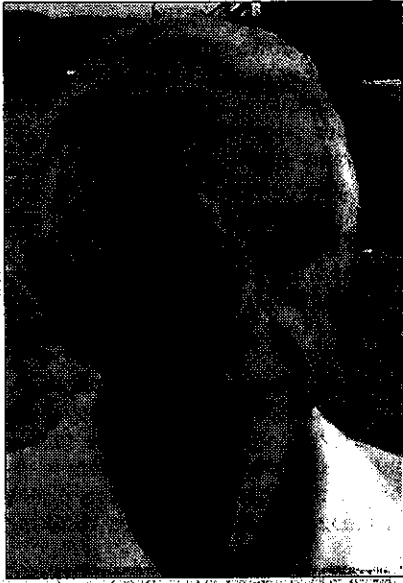


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Memorial contributions may be directed to Eastern Iowa Honor Flight, a non-profit organization dedicated to sending local veterans to Washington D.C. to visit historical sites.

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On May 23, 1948, he was united in marriage to Lois Isabel Harvey, in Delta, Colo., where both were employed with Western Union. The couple moved to an acreage near Grinnell in 1959. He was employed with the Highway Commission for several years and then as a carpenter at Grinnell College. He retired in 1988.

Tom was a 50 year member of the Grinnell Odd Fellows and a member of the Isaac Walton League. He enjoyed family activities, camping, fishing and gardening. He held a passion for woodworking and enjoyed making toys and puzzles.

Survivors include two children, Connie (Duane) Morrison of Malcom and Michael (Dorine) Selle of Holland, Mich.; five grandchildren, Jennifer (Jonathan) Kramka, Joshua (Angela) Burnham, William Morrison, and Eric and Renee Selle; one great-grandchild, Philip Burnham; and one sister, Shirley (Melvin) Stoker of Grinnell.

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