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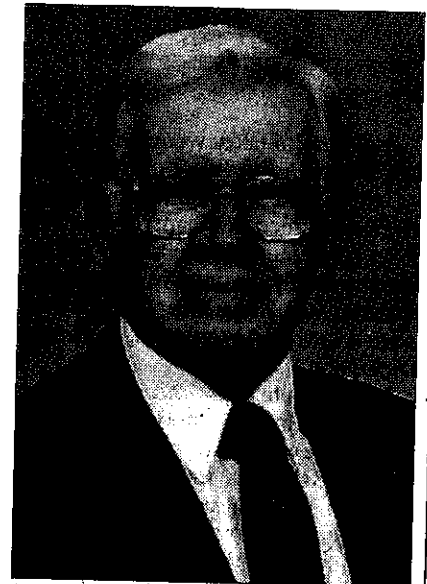
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Gerald farmed in Sheridan Township and was a rural mail carrier for many years. He retired from the postal service in 1993. He moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell in 2004.

He was a member of the Sheridan United Methodist Church, Farm Bureau and Sheridan Grange. He enjoyed bowling, fishing and reading. He was a fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes, Iowa State Cyclones, Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals. He was a former pitcher in a local fast-pitch softball league.

Survivors include two brothers, Larry (Judy) Bell of Newton and Loren Bell of Fontana, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

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Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening.

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