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Memorial contributions may be directed to Mayflower Human Needs Fund or St. Mary's Catholic Church Foundation.

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Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 8:00 Friday at Smith Funeral Home with the family present from 6:00 to 8:00 Friday evening.

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He was a member of the Grinnell Elks Lodge and American Legion for over 60 years, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, and past president of the Iowa County and Tama County I-Clubs. He was awarded The University of Iowa Hawkeyes Volunteer of the Year in 2000 and had received Hawk of the Year from several I-Clubs in the area.

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