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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Westfield Cemetery Association or to PALS.

Don was born on March 22, 1918, to Earl Andrew and Lorella Macy Rempp in Barnes City. A couple of years later, the family moved to Montezuma and he graduated from Montezuma High School. Don grew up on the family farm, south of Montezuma.

During WWII, Don was called to serve his country and was inducted into the United States Army, as a radio operator. After his service, he returned home to the family farm. He helped on the farm, but spent the majority of his life as a carpenter. He built over 300 houses in the central Iowa area.

After a blind date, he married Laurretta Marie Lincoln on Feb. 22, 1944, at the United Methodist Church in Montezuma. To this union was born one son, Thomas. They moved to Grinnell in 1950, where he worked as a carpenter for Grinnell College, retiring at the age of 75.

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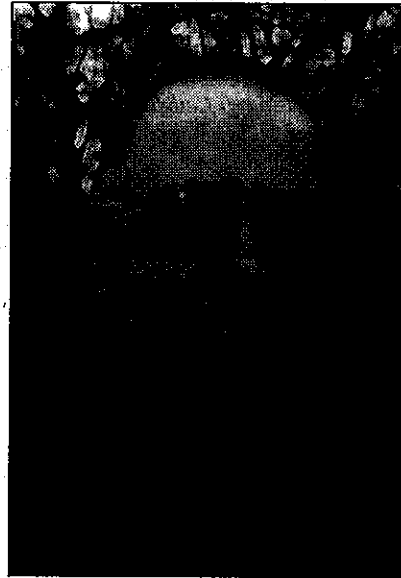
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He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Laurretta, on May 21, 1985; his good friend, Esther O'Halloran; his brother, Alvin Rempp; his sister, Glema Wyatt; and part of his surrogate family, Laverne and Duane O'Halloran.

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