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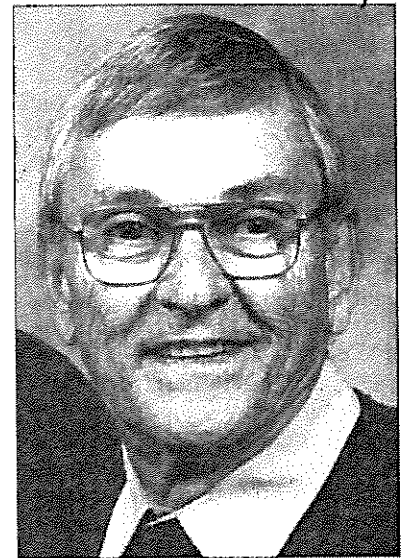
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Vernon is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jane Dostal of Grinnell; children, Cathy (Kenney) Keenan of Kellogg, Pam (Stan) McHrath of Grinnell, Dusty Dostal of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, Dennie (Chris) Dostal of Loveland, Colorado, and Robin (Bill) Paterson of Odenton, Maryland; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 3 sisters, Marguerite Harney and Phyllis Terrell, both of Iowa City, and De Buchanan of Toms River, New Jersey.

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