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During World War II, he enlisted with the Army Air Corp and flew 35 missions with the 8th Air Force, 96th Bomb Group in the European Theater. During his military service, he was awarded the Air Medal with four oak-leaf clusters the European Theater of Operations and the World War II Victory Medal.

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After they retired, the couple moved to Grinnell, first living at Park Place and later at Seeland Park. During his retirement, he attended AIB in Des Moines and took classes in tax preparation, then worked part-time with H & R Block in Grinnell and, during the winter months, in Arizona.

He was a member of the Chester Congregational Church and the Madison Church of Christ and, most recently, the Grinnell Christian Church. He was also a member of the Farm Bureau and the Malcom Co-op Elevator Board of Directors. He was past president of the Poweshiek County 4-H Board and past chairman of the Grinnell General Hospital Board of Directors.

He is survived by his wife; his children, Kay Krause of Sedona, Ariz., Judy Wiedermann of Pasadena, Calif., and James Ryan of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Alta Buck, Wilma Lincoln and Marjorie Halstead, all of Grinnell.

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