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After high school, he was employed at Maytag in Newton.

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and growing tomatoes, cooking and preparing dinners for his family and friends. He loved collecting and trading junk and liked to consider himself as a junkman. He enjoyed western movies and loved wearing his ball caps.

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