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Visitation with the family present was held Sunday afternoon at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or the Hammond Center for Assisted Living Campaign - St. Francis Manor Foundation.

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On January 10, 1942, he united in marriage with Iris Marilyn Stars, in Lancaster, Missouri. The couple lived in Centerville and later Kellogg prior to moving to the Grinnell area in 1951. They owned and operated a grain and livestock farm southeast of Grinnell and moved to Grinnell in the fall of 1988. He had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since September of 2014.

Vern was a member of the Grinnell First Baptist Church where he served as a trustee and deacon, and a lifetime member of the Farm Bureau. He loved his life on the farm and everything associated with running a successful farm operation. He was a cowboy at heart and never lost his love for horses. He enjoyed camping at the Iowa State Fair and local state parks. He held a love and passion for collecting coins, Native American artifacts and toy tractors.

Survivors include his two children, Chuck (Sandy) Brooke of Grinnell and Connie Doull of Des Moines; four grandchildren, Kelly (Mack) Cymanski, Kristy Brooke, Nicholas (Gina) Doull and Julie Doull; four great-grandchildren, Sarah, Grace and Alex Cymanski and Micah Doull; and one sister, Mildred McHugh of Moulton, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Earl Brooke and two sisters, Mary Brooke and Bernice Harris, and one son-in-law, John Doull.

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