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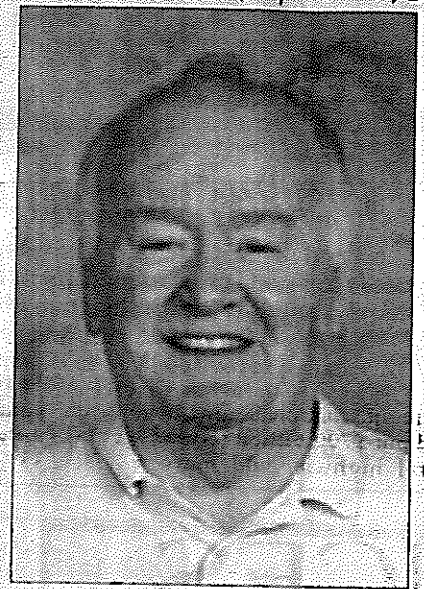
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On December 3, 1963, he was united in marriage to Helen Jo Olson, in Montezuma. The couple continued to live in Grinnell where they raised their six children. He was a loyal employee of Donaldson, Inc. in Grinnell as a welder for 41 years. He was a proud member of the United Auto Workers Union.

He was a member of the UAW Local #1201, Grinnell American Legion, the Grinnell Eagles Club, and the American Cribbage Congress including the Grass Roots Program.

Denny was an avid Pittsburg Steelers and Iowa Hawkeyes fan. He loved and held a huge passion for playing cribbage and had earned the level of Master of the game. He loved attending family events, watching TV and movies and playing slow-pitch softball and bowling in his younger years. His pet dogs were a big part of his life! He believed in following the Golden Rule and enjoyed giving to others, even after his death through the Iowa Donor Network.

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