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Survivors include six children, Vern (Grace) Shook of Missouri Valley, Lorna (Jim) Paisley of Sturgis, South Dakota, Joyce (Ed) Brown of Malcom, Brenda (Mark) Martin of Grinnell, Glen Berry of Brooklyn and Pam (Jeff) Paul of Grinnell; a daughter-in-law, Barb Shook of Montour; one sister, Marge Harfield of Exline; a brother-in-law, Charlie Foster of Newton; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Dorothy on April 20, 2016; one son, Verl Shook; one grandson, Thomas Brown; one brother, George Berry; and three sisters, Harriet Hailey and Joyce Ann and Lottie Louise Berry, both in infancy.

Memorial services were held Saturday, October 12th at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with Pastor Brian Childow of the Madison Church of Christ, near Brooklyn, officiating. Pallbearers were Kirk and Kole Berry, Tim Brown, Brad and Brian DeLong, Tony Lang, Randall Paul and Scott Shook. Burial was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

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