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Visitation was Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell and his family will receive friends Tuesday evening.

Memorials may be designated to the Lowell Pickhardt Memorial Fund to benefit local organizations and may be mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Condolences may be shared with his family online at www.smithfh.com.

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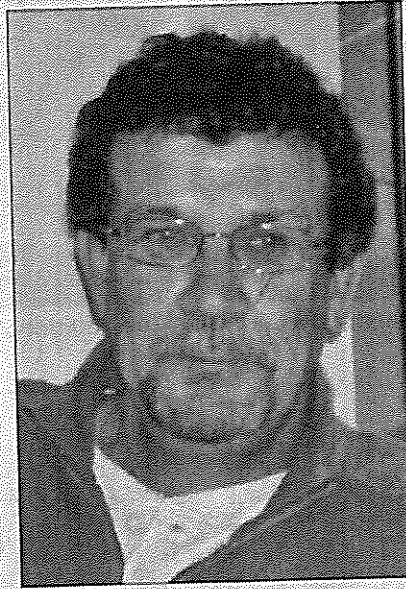
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Lowell was a humble, strong, caring, easy-going, family man. He loved being called "grandpa" and cherished every minute with his grandchildren. He enjoyed living the simple life and the beauty of the outdoors. He and Susie looked forward to their trips south in the winter to the Caribbean and to the Florida Keys as well as camping and taking the pontoon boat out at Rock Creek Lake with their dog, Buddy. This spring they took their final trip together to Hawaii. Lowell loved the Chicago Cubs and recently witnessed his favorite team win the World Series. He was a life-long member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council and the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery Association.

Lowell is survived by his wife of 27 years, Susie Pickhardt of Malcom; daughter, Jess (Alexis) Orfanos of Urbandale, Iowa; two grandchildren, Presley and Dax Orfanos of Urbandale; mother, Gylena Pickhardt of Grinnell; sister, Wanda (Randy) Stoner of Des Moines, Iowa; and nephew, Jesse Watt of Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his father.

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