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He is survived by his wife Margaret of Marshalltown; two daughters, Kayleen Kelley of Fort Mead, Fla. and Bobette Lerma of Toledo; five grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Dennis Lee Hagedorn; four brothers, Paul, Clay, Roger and Wayne Warnell and one sister Marilyn Lannigan.

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