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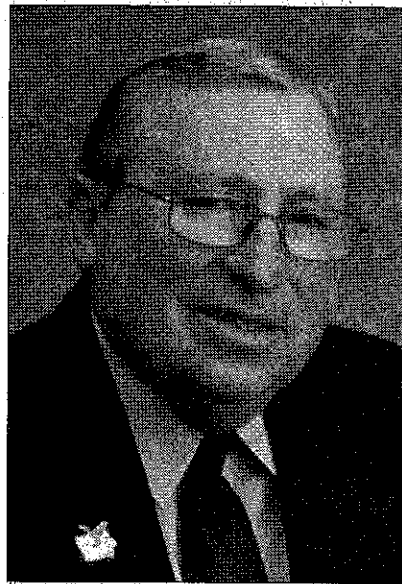
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Larry Lee Ellis was born the son of Percy and Jeanette Coonrod Ellis on Oct. 11, 1939, in Grinnell. He was raised in Grinnell and graduated from Grinnell High School with the class of 1957. He honorably served his country as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army from 1958 until 1967.

Larry was united in marriage to Penny Briggs in 1960 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Grinnell. They had one daughter; their marriage later ended in divorce. In 1966, Larry married Dorothy Kroenke in Grinnell. They resided in Grinnell all of their married lives and Larry was a long-time employee at Grinnell Beverage (Budweiser) and later was a custodian at the Grinnell High School. He was an auxiliary officer at the Grinnell Police Department for 20 years.

Larry was very active with the Eagles in Grinnell and was past president and past state president. He and Dorothy traveled to many national, state and local Eagles events. He was a member of the Grinnell Veterans Ceremonial Unit, who provided military rites at many veterans' funeral services. He was an avid golfer, bowler and fast-pitch softball player. His enjoyments were attending his grandsons' sporting events, fishing, watching the Green Bay Packers games on TV, and going for motorcycle rides with Dorothy.

Larry is survived by his daughter, Christina Goodrich of Brooklyn; four grandsons; one granddaughter; and many other relations.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Don Ellis in 1999; and wife, Dorothy in 2019.