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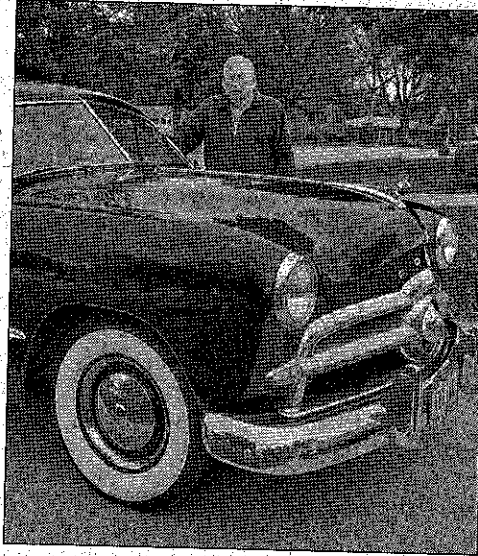
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Due to state and federal guidelines on gatherings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

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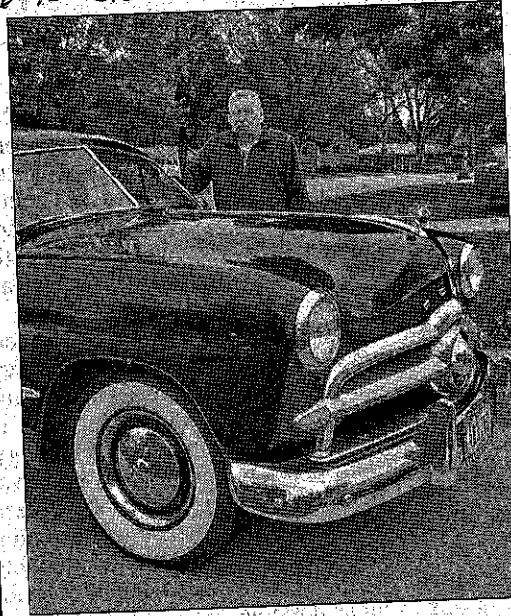
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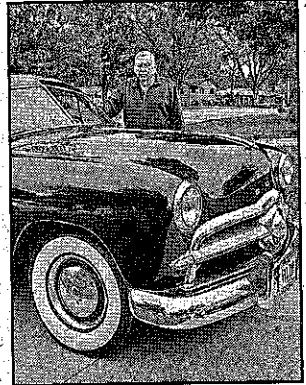
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