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He also ran a fishing bait shop at Brooklyn and then Barnes City. He liked hunting, fishing, trapping and coon dog hunting. He was also an active member of the Barnes City Ruritan Club and liked to watch figure 8 races.

John is survived by his wife, Alma, of Barnes City; three sons, John Pias Minor Jr. of Sully, David (and Karen) Minor of Des Moines and Lonnie (and Jennifer) Minor of Ashville, N.C.; four stepchildren, Connie (and Boyd) Pangborn of Michigan, Jeanette Dost (and Cliff Heathclough) of Sanborn, Sharon Howell of Iowa and Cliff (and Cindy) McWhorter of Missouri; several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; one brother, Gasper (and Fern) Minor of Cedar Rapids; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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