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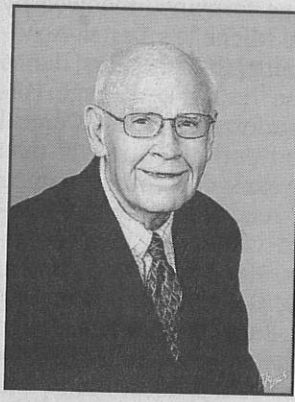
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The family will have a private Memorial Service in December. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a Celebration of Life Service will be scheduled in the spring of 2021.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Duane Popenhagen Memorial Fund to benefit local organizations of the families choosing in the Grinnell and Brooklyn communities and can be sent to Smith Funeral Home 1103 Broad St, Grinnell, IA 50112. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.smithfh.com under "Obituaries".

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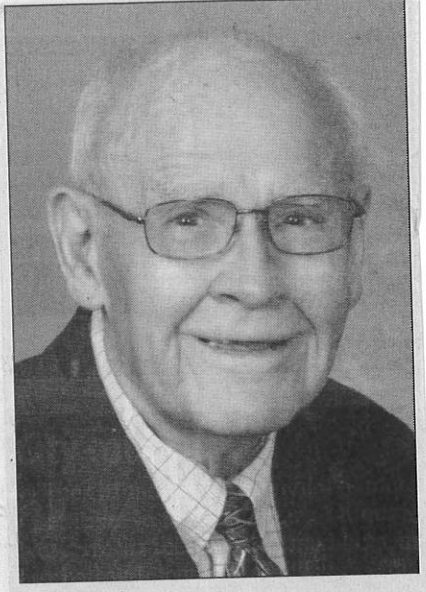
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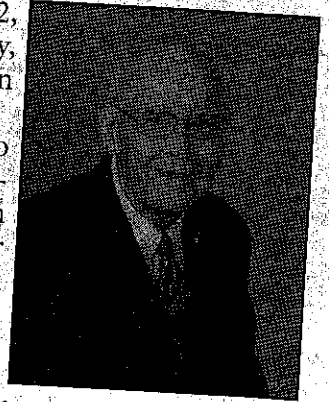
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