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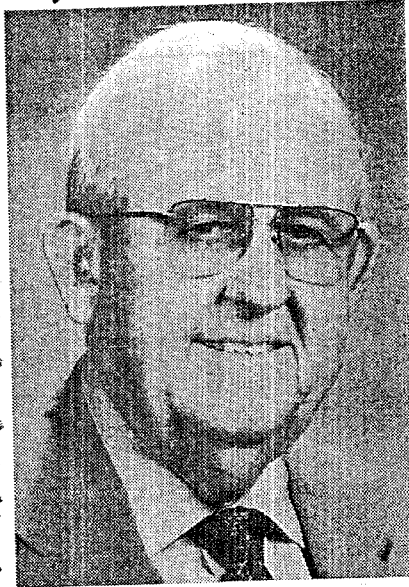
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Raymond is survived by his wife, Rachel Stoker, of Guernsey, his children, Marcia (Gary) Schultz of Trenton, Texas, and David (Elizabeth) Stoker of Guernsey; his grandson, Matt (Missy) Ogan of Malcom and his great-grandchildren, Garrett, Halley and Jessica Ogan of Malcom.

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Raymond was preceded in death by his parents.



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