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A graveside service was held Monday, Aug. 18, at Chester Cemetery north of Grinnell with the Rev. John Saxton, chaplain of the Mayflower Community, officiating. Memorials may be made to the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds. On-line condolences may be submitted to his family at www.smithfh.com.

Orville Keith Hafkey was born Jan. 14, 1915, in Grinnell, the son of Louis and Maude Muriel Pugh Hafkey. He was raised in the family farm, attending rural school near his home and graduating from Grinnell High School with the class of 1933. He was united in marriage with Harriet Evelyn Berry on Dec. 3, 1938, in Oskaloosa. They resided in Chester Township northeast of Grinnell where they farmed and raised livestock.

He was a lifelong farmer on the family farm now in its third generation. He enjoyed woodworking, attending the Iowa State Fair and taking annual fishing trips to Minnesota.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Harriet Hafkey; his daughter and son, Marianne Huenekeens of Noble, Okla., and George Hafkey of Grinnell; seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son Richard Hafkey in 1967 and his sisters Louise Clifton and Marjorie Thompson.
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