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Memorial contributions may be made to Gilman United Methodist Church or Kellogg Historical Museum.

Visitaton will be from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m.

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On July 19, 1944, he was married to Mabel Ashby in Newton. The couple farmed north of Kellogg for 39 years, later moving to Gilman in the late 1990s. They enjoyed wintering in Arizona for many years.

He was an active 4-H leader for several years and a member of the Kellogg United Methodist Church, later the Gilman United Methodist Church. He enjoyed woodworking and making things for his family, fishing in northern Minnesota, and hunting. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan.

Survivors include his wife, Mabel of Gilman; two sons, Danny of Brookfield, Mo., and Craig of Tipton; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two brothers, Ben Jackson of Cresco and Stan Ashby of Kellogg; two sisters, Fran Langhoff of Albuquerque, N. M., and Agnes Williams of Eldora. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Frank Jackson; and three sisters, Dorothy Jackson, Opal McDonald, and Mary Hautekeete.
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