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Ira was a member of the Church of the Brethren where he had served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, moderator and many other offices and tasks. He enjoyed gardening and quilting with Kathryn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Elizabeth Rhinehart and Margaret Farden.

Surviving are his wife, Kathryn; three daughters and their husbands, Karen and Robert Hensler of Brooklyn; Ruth and Dean Johnston of Montezuma; and Doris and Kerry Hall of Asheboro, North Carolina; one brother, George Henry of Brooklyn; two sisters, Nora, Mrs. Clarence Rhinehart of Brooklyn; and Anna Miller of Marengo; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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