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Pallbearers were James and Joel Ahrens, Gary and Michael Spooner, and Chris, Larry, and Matthew Wray.

Honorary bearers were Nathan Ahrens, Philip Carlisle, Steven Koehl, Josh and Larry Shilman, Jonathan Spells, and Micah and Steven Spooner.

The son of Lindsay William and Helen Mary (Hamor) Spooner, he was born Sept. 28, 1911, in Grinnell. He was raised in the Grinnell area and was a 1929 graduate of Grinnell High School. He farmed for many years west of Grinnell and also assisted other area farmers in their farming operations. He retired in 1999 and had been a resident of St. Francis Manor since July of 2000.

Survivors include a brother and sister, Frank Spooner of Grinnell, and Ruby Reilly of Denver, Colo. One brother, Bill Spooner; and three sisters, Alice Spooner, Dessa Scherer, and Cecil Carlson, preceded him in death.

Memorials may be directed to St. Francis Manor Activity Center, Animal Rescue League at Newton, and the Trees Forever program at Hazelwood Cemetery, Smith Funeral Home, Grinnell, handled arrangements.

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Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis Manor Activity Center, the Newton Animal Rescue League or the Trees Forever program at Hazelwood Cemetery.