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Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Grinnell Christian Church, American Cancer Society, or the Animal Rescue League in Newton. Smith Funeral Home of Grinnell handled arrangements.

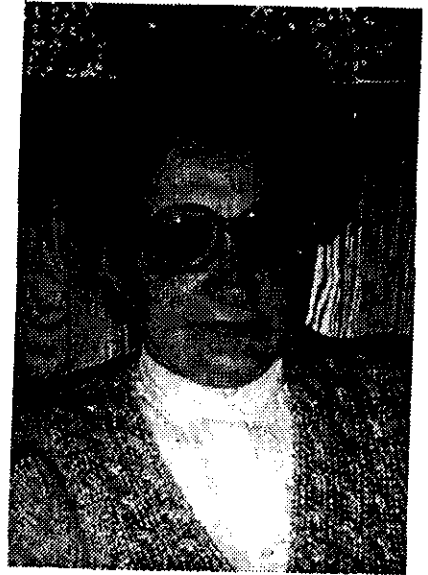
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