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The son of George Washington and Esther (Heishman) Simmons, he was born Nov. 4, 1935, in Sheridan Township. He was a 1953 graduate of Grinnell High School and a 10-year veteran of the United States Army Reserve. He was married to Lola Luttmann on Dec. 5, 1954, in Grinnell and the couple farmed in Sheridan Township.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Tama, Farm Bureau, Tama Eagles Lodge and Grinnell American Legion and Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Lola of Malcom; two sons, Duane of Keller, Texas and Jerry of Trophy Club, Texas; his mother-in-law, Emma Luttmann of Grinnell; a daughter-in-law, Susan Starling of Thomasville, Georgia; one sister Wilma Kline of Ames; one brother, Ronald Simmons of Corpus Christi, Texas; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

His parents; his son, Tony; his father-in-law, Lester Luttmann; and a niece Becky Kline, preceded him in death.

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