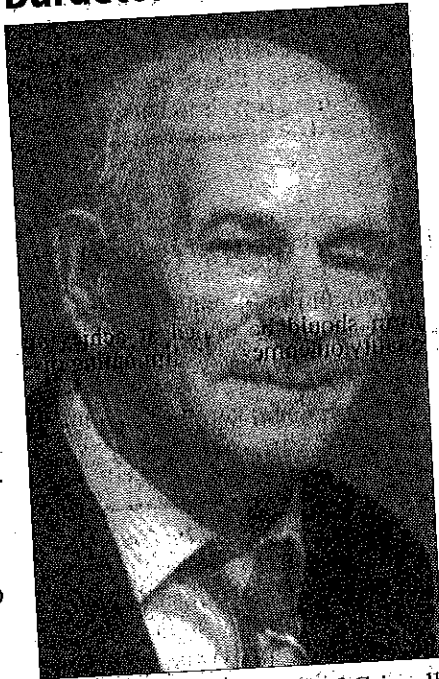


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Visitation was Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home with the family was present in the evening.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grinnell Regional Hospice or to the donor's choice.

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Survivors include his wife, Julia of Grinnell; five children, Richard Ford, Jerry Ford and Connie Phipps of Grinnell; Gene Ford of Oviedo, Fla.; and Tom Ford of Oakland Acres; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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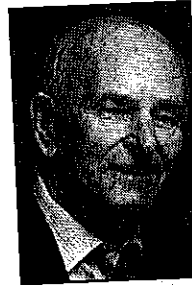
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