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A memorial fund in his name has been established.

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He was a member of Madison Church of Christ, serving as trustee, deacon and elder. Upon moving to Grinnell in 1986, he became a member of Grinnell Christian Church.

While residing in Grinnell, he was employed at Lang Brothers Equipment and Southard Implement.

He is survived by his wife Erma DePauw of Grinnell; his daughters and sons, Janet Gorsch of West Burlington, James DePauw of St. Charles, John DePauw of Council Bluffs, Joel DePauw of Collinsville, Okla., and Julie Krieger of Brooklyn; 19 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; two brothers, Raymond DePauw of Brooklyn and Wallace DePauw of Marion; and one sister Donna Henning of Hartwick. He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter; and one brother, Marvin DePauw.

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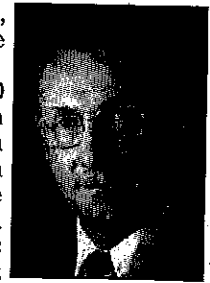
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He enjoyed woodworking, farming and activities with his family.

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