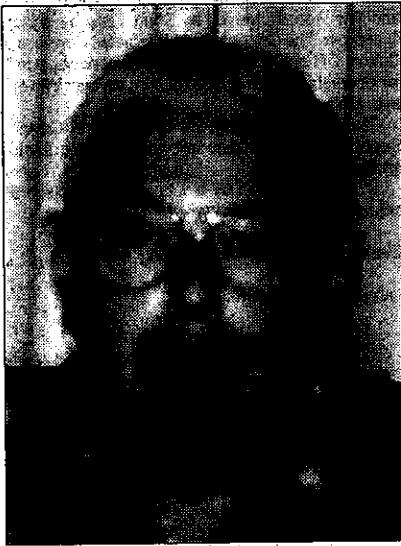


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Bob is survived by his wife of 53 years, Beverly Kriegel of Grinnell; his children, Bob Kriegel, Jr. of Grinnell, Brenda Kim of Columbia, Mo., and Brenae Smith of Kansas City, Mo., and two grandchildren.

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