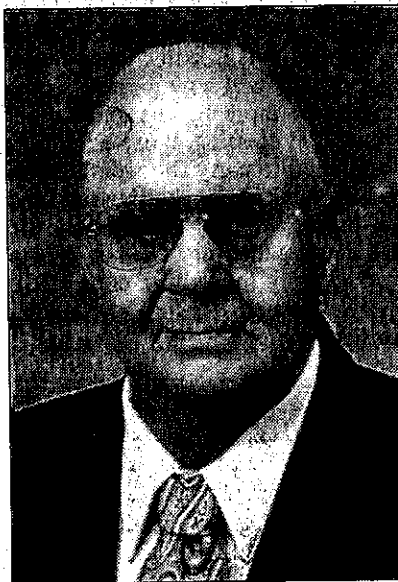


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Wilford 'Mike' W. Mikel



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Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon on Wednesday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to St. Francis Manor or to St. John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell.

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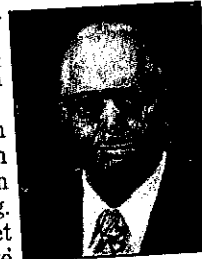
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