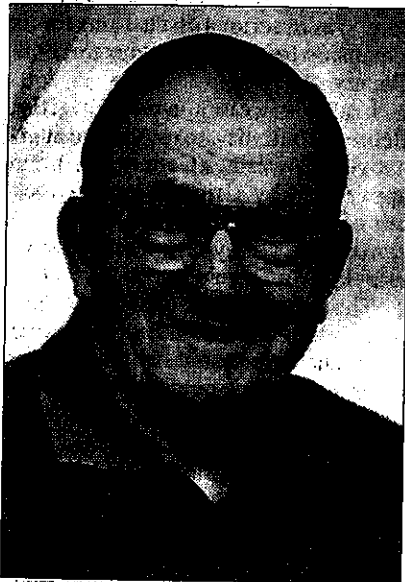


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Memorials may be to St. John's Lutheran Church or to Grinnell Regional Hospice and may be sent in care of the Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

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On Dec. 28, 1941, he married Virginia Redding in Kellogg. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm southwest of Grinnell. He also worked for Farm Service and managed the

Montezuma Sale Barn before representing the Grinnell Realty Company as a real estate agent.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, the Farm Bureau, 4-H and the Poweshiek County Realtors' Board of Directors. He enjoyed fishing, card marathons, maintaining his yard and giving his grandchildren rides on the swing.

Harry is survived by his wife, Virginia Ashby of Grinnell; his children, Gordon Ashby, Darrell Ashby and Miriam Schultz, all of Grinnell; 19 grandchildren; 57 great grandchildren; two brothers, Robert Ashby of Grinnell and Alfred Ashby of Newton; and one sister, Margaret Vander Kamp of Grinnell.

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