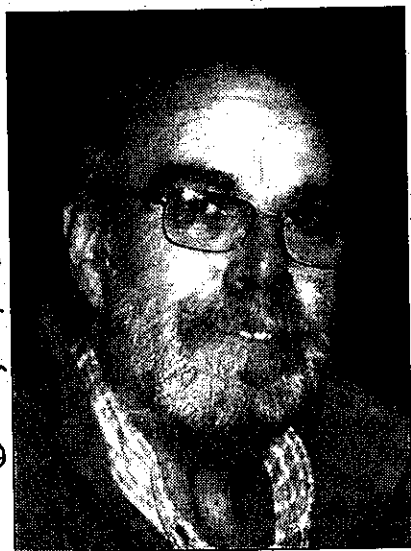


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Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening.