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Visitation was held from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with the family present from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

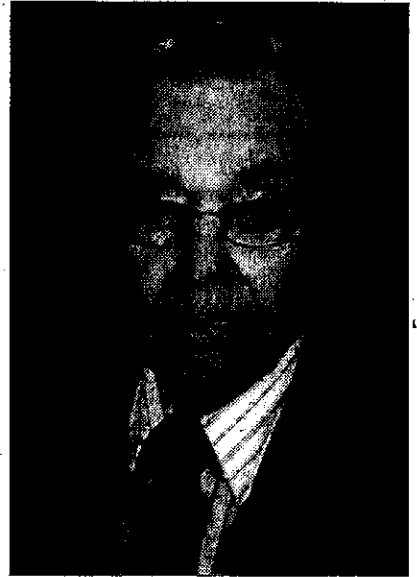
Memorial contributions may be directed to Clinton County Hospice or Grinnell United Methodist Church.

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On March 4, 1944, he was united in marriage to Ruth B. Breniman, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. After his discharge from the service in 1946, the couple returned to Iowa, where they began farming near Grinnell. In 1960, they purchased Paradise Farm near Brooklyn and farmed there until their retirement in 1987. They moved to Grinnell in 1995.

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Survivors include three children, Gene (Ann) Adkins of Brooklyn, Lee Adkins of Brooklyn and Gayle (Jim) Powell of DeWitt; one sister, Harriet Wright of Rochester, Minnesota; eight grandchildren, Kristin Adkins, Aaron (Vanessa) Adkins, Travis (Paige) Adkins, Shelly Munden, Scott Powell, Laura Powell, Eric Powell and Ryan (Caitlin) Powell; and ten great-grandchildren, Andres Adkins, Diego Adkins, Tyler Schuttleworth, Conner Adkins, Tucker Adkins, Sarah Munden, Samantha Munden, Haleigh Johnson, Xavier Johnson and Taylor McDaniel. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Ruth in 2010.



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