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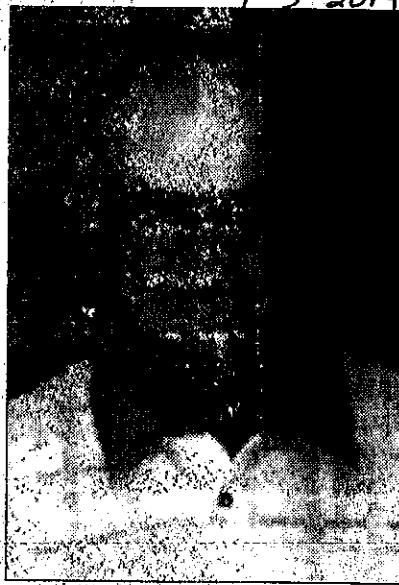
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Bass-fishing and pheasant-hunting were popular family holidays he enjoyed, and in later years, he enjoyed driving the countryside with Iona. He was a member of Midway Grange and also the Montezuma United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Iona of Montezuma; four sons, Dennis Latcham of Montezuma, Michael Latcham of Newton, Randy Latcham of Montezuma, and Craig Latcham of Montezuma; nine grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; his brother, Lyle "John" Latcham of Grinnell; as well as nieces, nephews and friends.

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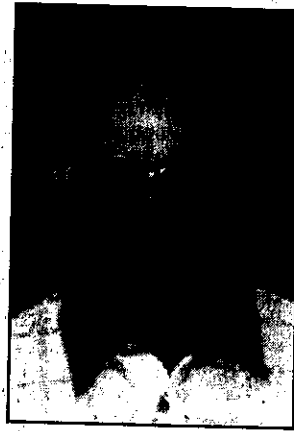
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