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Visitation will be held on Friday, June 27, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 2:00 p.m. Family will be present from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

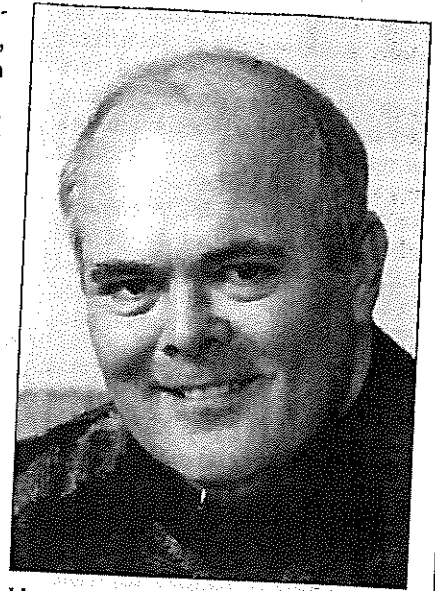
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