

## Wilbur E. Allen

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A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at the United Methodist Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Rose Blank, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment was at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell. Honorary pallbearers were Courtney Allen, Amy Booth, Kayla Gretzky, Jennifer Leinen, Stephanie Lair and Ann Van Hemert.

Friends called at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and the family was present at the funeral home from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Memorials may be directed to the Grinnell Elks Lodge Building Fund or to the American Alzheimer's Association.

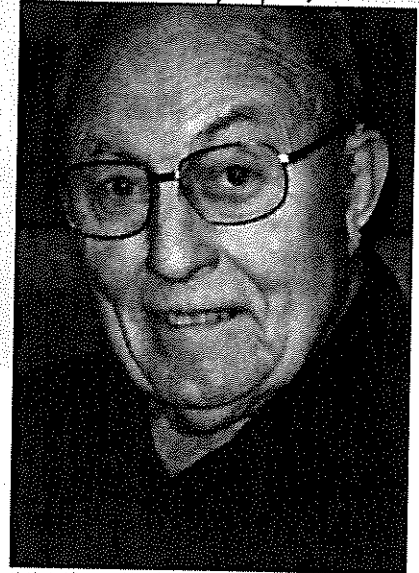
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In March of 1954, he and Myrna began a career of farming and they became the parents of three sons, Rodney, Michael and Douglas. Farming was a way of life for Wilbur. He enjoyed planting and watching the crops grow all summer. He loved to see the spring animals, especially the little calves in the pastures. He took great pride in the appearance of his farm and he possessed a strong work ethic and passed that ethic to his sons. Each was taught to drive a tractor at a young age, and they all knew that the straw needed to be baled before going to the 4-H Fair each summer. Wilbur loved harvest as much as planting, and won several awards for outstanding corn and bean yields. During harvest, there was often a grandchild sitting beside him in the combine. Wilbur also enjoyed listening to bluegrass music, wintering in Texas and traveling with Myrna to various destinations.

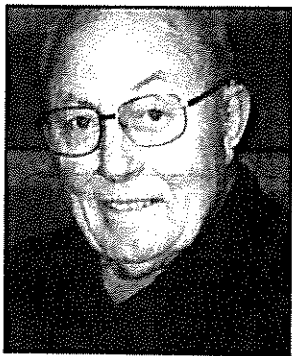
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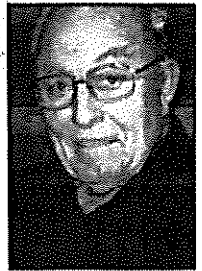
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