

GRINNELL RESIDENT

## John Link, 84

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10-29-2014



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Visitation with the family present was Sunday afternoon at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Memorial contribu-

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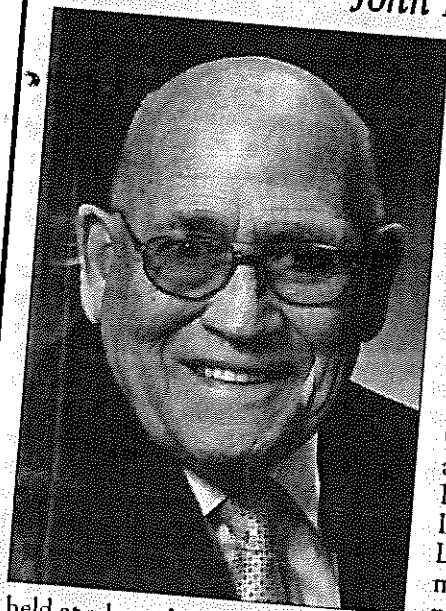
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