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Church in Newton.

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Ramon is survived by his children, Cindy (Ron) Deppe of Grinnell, Pam (Bill Doud) Gruhn of Kellogg, Scott (Vicki) Gruhn of Grinnell, Brian (Michelle) Gruhn of Kellogg, and Kirk Gruhn of Kellogg; six grandchildren, Keri Carstens, Brent and Nathen Deppe, and Bradley, Brennan and Michael Gruhn; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Kay on March 31, 2008; and three siblings, Dorothy Johnson, Harold Gruhn, in infancy, and Lucille Gruhn, in childhood.

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