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Don's family would like to thank the staff at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell, Care Initiatives Hospice, and special friend, Rod Chambers for the wonderful care they provided to him.

Donald LeRoy Strand was born the son of Alfred and Kathrine (Engleson) Strand on June 24, 1921, in rural Chester Township in Poweshiek County north of Grinnell, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm north of Grinnell and graduated from Gilman High School in 1939.

Don farmed in the Chester Township until 1967, when he moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He worked at Kings Crown Inn as a desk clerk and night auditor and later was the equipment manager for the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He retired in 1986 and moved back to Gilman. He worked part-time as a janitor at the Central Christian Church in Marshalltown. He attended church at the Gilman United Methodist Church and later at the Grinnell United Methodist Church. Don was always there for his nieces and nephews, who loved him dearly.

Don is survived by his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings Clair Strand, Kenneth Strand, Ralph Strand, Alice Sutton, Theresa Beason, and Genevieve Russell.

