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He was born March 30, 1937, in Montezuma, the son of Joseph Elmer and Tonnie Griffin Baird. He graduated from Montezuma High School in 1956. He owned a tavern and later worked for Ellis Grocery in Montezuma. He moved to Grinnell and for 27 years was a custodian at Davis Elementary School prior to retiring in 2000. He was member of the Masonic Lodge and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. To his niece and nephews, he was more like a father or grandfather than an uncle.

He is survived by one sister Betty Roof, a nephew Donald Roof, a niece Beverly Roof and a great nephew, Brett Joseph Roof, all of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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The Robert Joseph Baird Memorial Fund has been established.

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