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Leo R. Schmitz, 76

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A funeral mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with the Rev. Nick Adam officiating. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel, and she was accompanied by the St. Mary's Choir.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Association of Retarded Citizens of Eastern and Central Iowa, or to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

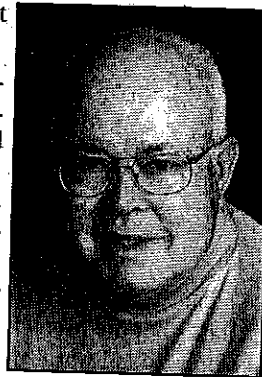
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On Jan. 28, 1956, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Louise Chance, in Des Moines. The couple moved to Grinnell in 1958. While living in Grinnell, he was employed with Mary Jane Foods, Na-Churs Liquid Fertilizer Company, and later at G.T.E. His wife died May 10, 1987, and he was later married to Darlene Gunderson on Nov. 14, 1992, in Grinnell.

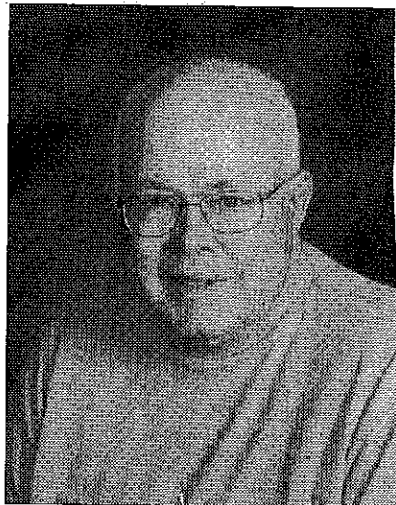
Leo was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include three daughters, Marilyn Ralls of Creston, Mary (Kermit) Van Zee of Grinnell, and Marcia (Jarl) Walters of Grinnell; six grandchildren, Melissa and Kimberly Ralls of Creston, Laura Graham of Des Moines, and Patricia Stoaks, Samantha Jo Graham, and Christopher Walters, all of Grinnell; two great-grandchildren, Skylor and Lilly Stoaks of Grinnell; two brothers, David Schmitz of Peoria, Ill., and James Schmitz of Des Moines; one sister, Joan Ohnemus of Grinnell; and three special friends, Floyd Lacina and Don Schmitt of Grinnell, and Bonnie Rutherford of Montezuma.

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