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The son of Otto and Lydia Salzman Kelm, he was born July 20, 1921, on the family farm near Malcom. He was raised on the farm and was a 1939 graduate of Grinnell High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army during World War II, serving with the 3rd Army, 13th Armored Division, and had fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

He was married to Betty Lou Haines Sept. 13, 1952, at Trinity Lutheran Church, rural Grinnell, and the couple farmed east of Grinnell. He was also employed with V & M Sales for a couple of years, drove a school bus for the Grinnell-Newburg School system for 17 years, and was employed with Maytag from 1977 until his retirement in 1998.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where he was former president of the church council and a member of the choir. He was also a member of the Grinnell American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Frank and Robert Kelm. Survivors include his wife, Betty, of Grinnell; one son, Brian, of Grinnell; one grandson, Paul, of Grinnell; and one sister, Dorothy Straight, of Kennewick, Wash.

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