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Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell, with the Rev. Keith Briggs, pastor of the First Friends Church of Grinnell, officiating.

The son of William and Idona Vincent Pickens, he was born March 28, 1917, at Red Oak. The family moved to Minona, Mo., where he was raised and educated.

He was married to Madge Rice. The family moved to Grinnell in 1932, and Mr. Pickens worked for area farmers and the Grinnell Shoe Company. He later worked for Midwest Manufacturing Co. in Kellogg. Following his retirement in the early 1970s, he lived in Grinnell before moving to the Diamond Life Care Center in Montezuma in 1990.

He is survived by two daughters, Sandra Adams of Alexandria, Va., and Karen Puls of Grinnell; two sons, Patrick of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Clifford of Fort Walta, Fla.; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Ellaree Billington of Kirksville, Mo., Mac Cline of Rockford, Ill., Louise Vinnes of Fort Dodge and Marvel May of Grinnell.

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