

H-R Nov. 9, 1998

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Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Lynnville Friends Church, with the Revs. Marvin Miller, Norval Smith and Roy Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Lynnville Friends Cemetery, with the Harden Funeral Home of New Sharon in charge of arrangements.

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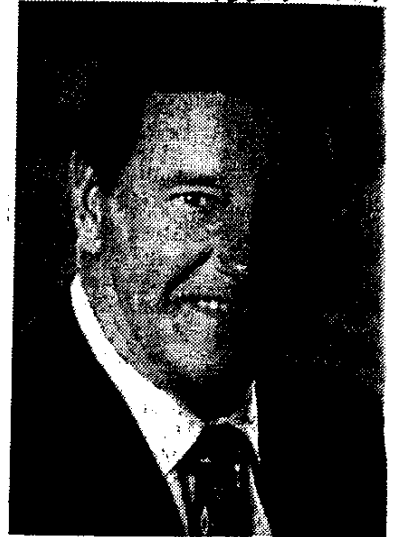
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