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Burial will be at Hazelwood Cemetery, with the Smith Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

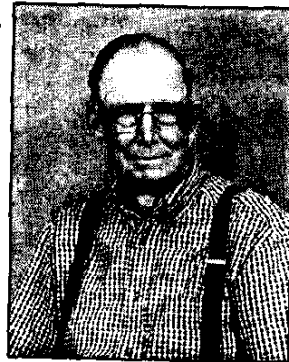
Friends may call at the funeral home beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, and the family will be present from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday.

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He was born on April 12, 1914, on the family farm near Grinnell to Lindsey William and Helen Mary Hamor Spooner. He attended rural school and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1933. On July 22, 1939, he was married to Norma Jean Lindblom in Milan, Mo. The couple operated a grain and livestock farm southeast of Grinnell. He worked for many years as a weigh master at the Grinnell Livestock Sale Barn.

He was a member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church and the Chester Royal Grange. He was a trustee for Grant Township and had served as the membership chairman for the Isaac Walton League in Poweshiek County.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Spooner of Grinnell; four daughters, Carol Ahrens of Grinnell, Jo Wray of Grinnell, Christina Shilman of Burnsville, Minn. and Pamela Spells of Keller, Texas; 8 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; one sister, Ruby Reilly of Denver, Colo.; and two brothers, Frank and Clare Spooner, both of Grinnell.

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