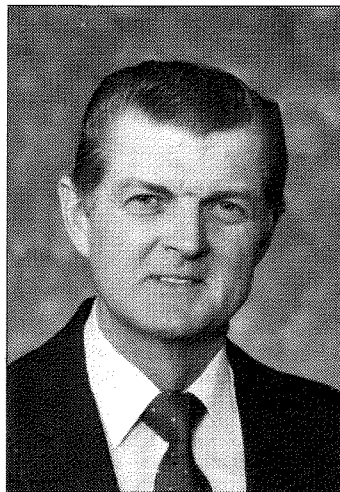


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Online condolences: [www.klosterfuneralhome.com](http://www.klosterfuneralhome.com).

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