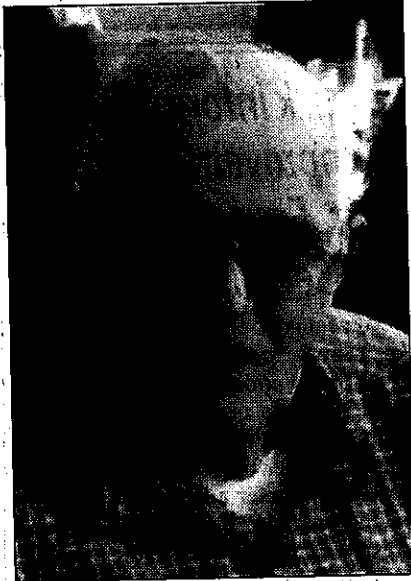


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Delbert J. Havel 6-27-13



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Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 12 noon on Friday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening.

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