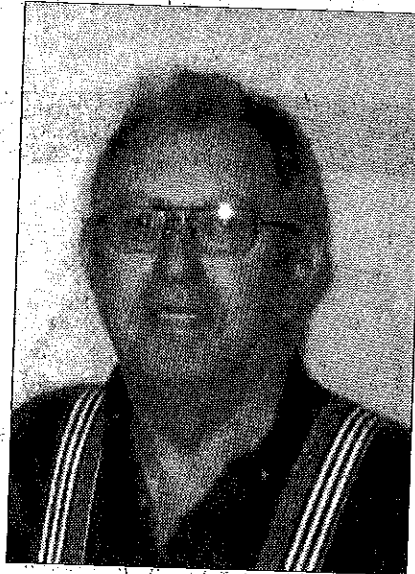


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Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon on Sunday. The family will be present at the funeral home from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

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