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Four children survive Craig and wife Mary Bear of State Center; Cheryl, Mrs. Jeff Rankin of Marshalltown; Tim and wife Lynne Bear of Melbourne and Trudy Fricke of Marshalltown.

There are 8 grandchildren surviving: Taylor and Kim Bear; Adam and Jaque Bear; Sonia, Mrs. Israel Hernandez; Sara Davis; Amber Fricke;; Sierra Fricke; Mike

Bear and Hallie Bear.

Also there are two great-grandchildren, Kodi Bachman and Dallas Bear.

One sister Shirley Nason of Marshalltown survives.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother.

Raised and educated in Rhodes, hr graduated from the Rhodes High School.

Following his schooling he joined the US Army and served two years during the Korean Conflict. Upon his return he began farming, later working for the State Center Creamery and the Iowa Highway Dept.

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