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Survivors include three sons, Richard Eugene (and Mary Rosalee) Gardner of Urbandale, Ronald Alan (and Valerie) Gardner of Gardiner, Mont., and Brian Earl (and Rondi) Gardner of Leewood, Kan.; a daughter, Sandra Lee (and Ronald) Raney of Hampton; 12 grandchildren; and a brother, Leland Gardner of Cambridge.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife on May 19, 2001.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cambridge with the Rev. Marcia Kisner officiating. The American Legion presented military honors. The body will be cremated and a private inurnment will be held at a later date in the Cambridge Cemetery. Bacon Funeral Home, Maxwell, handled arrangements.

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