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JUNE 24, 1926-AUG. 16, 2003

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Wayne was born June 24, 1926, the son of John William "Bill" and Clara (Burkhart) Handsaker. He graduated from Colo High School in 1944 and served in the U.S. Air Force. He married Ester Winborn Aug. 7, 1953, in Sharon Center Evangelical United Brethren Church near Kalona. He was a farmer and seed corn dealer, who was born and lived his entire life on the family century farm. He enjoyed woodworking, refinishing and making something out of nothing. Wayne and Ester enjoyed traveling. He was a member of Colo United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ester, of Colo; two daughters, Anna Handsaker of Bettendorf and Marla (Byron) Turk of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; one son, Rex



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He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Clifford (Darlene) Handsaker.

Memorials may be directed to Colo United Methodist Church, Colo Fire Department or to American Cancer Society.

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