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He married Betty Jane Koontz on Aug. 21, 1946, at Sterling. She survives of the home.

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Additional survivors include one daughter, Maretta K. Jeuland of Chicago; two sons, Alfred L. Burgert of Asbury, Mo., and Philip L. Burgert of Oak Park, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. David Schaller and the Rev. Patty Schaller officiating. Mr. Burgert's body will be cremated following the service. Private family burial will be in Sterling Cemetery at Sterling at a later date. The family will receive friends following the services in the parlor at the Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Brenner Mortuary, 114 E. Fourth St.

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