

Dale Andersen, 82

March 11, 1926 - Jan. 1, 2009

ATLANTIC — Dale Lavern, son of Jens P. and Hilda (Hansen) Andersen was born March 11, 1926, in Elk Horn, IA. He was baptized at Elk Horn Lutheran Church and his family later moved to Council Bluffs where Dale attended school. After his schooling, he began working at his family's gas station in Council Bluffs. On March 27, 1945, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served until his discharge on November 22, 1946.

January 20, 1948, Dale was united in marriage with Verlee Andersen at Jacksonville Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. They farmed in Minden several years, during which two daughters, Mary Jane and Lois, were born. In 1952, they purchased a farm in Oakfield Township, Audubon County, moving there in 1953. Two more children were born to the family, Allan and Carol. In addition to farming, Dale worked for Elk Horn Oil Company, Larsen Construction, Ray's Plumbing and as a commodity inspector for ASC in Audubon County. As a 60 year member of the American Legion Post 322 in Elk Horn, he served as commander and vice commander. Dale enjoyed dancing and listening to polka music, and he loved to visit Lake Okoboji in the summer and California in the winter. After Verlee passed away on May 25, 2000, Dale remained on the farm. In 2005, he moved to an apartment in Atlantic where he died suddenly on January 1, 2009, at the age of 82 years, 9 months and 21 days.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Verlee; brother Clifford Andersen and wife Glenda; sister June and husband Burdette Poldberg and brothers-in-law Lynn Andersen, Gene Elmquist and Albert Eskov. He is survived by his children: Mary Jane and husband Alan Gregersen of Goleta, CA; Lois and husband Greg Baier of Audubon; Allan Andersen and wife Jolene of Elk Horn and Carol and husband Kelly Schlake of Atlantic; grandchildren: Brenda and husband Tom Carr; Brent Gregersen and wife Keri; Sara and husband Nate Vorm; Jason Baier and wife Carrie; Gina Baier; Valerie Andersen and fiancé John Greving; Shelly Schlake; Sheena and husband J.R. Hagen and Sharla Schlake; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters: Millie Eskov of Elk Horn and Leila Mae and husband Lloyd Nelsen of Kimballton; sisters-in-law: Marilyn Bennett of Atlantic; Kay Elmquist of Mapleton and Mary Lou Andersen of Jacksonville; friend Janis Andersen of Atlantic; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Sunday, January 4, 2009 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton. Funeral services were held Monday, January 5, 2009 at 10:30 AM at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn with Reverend Keith Menter, officiating. Music was provided by Terri Thielen, vocalist and Laura Olsen, accompanist. Casket



bearers were Ron Andersen, Randy Poldberg, Mark Nelsen, Larry Eskov, Toni Elmquist, and John Andersen. Honorary casket bearers were his grandchildren, Brenda Carr, Brent Gregersen, Sara Vorm, Jason Baier, Gina Baier, Valerie Andersen, Shelly Schlake, Sheena Hagen, and Sharla Schlake. Interment with Military Honors was held in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery by American Legion Post 322.

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