

Eigil Marinus "Andy" Andersen, 73

March 8, 1928 – June 12, 2001

KIMBALLTON – Eigil Marinus, son of Martin and Agnete Pedersen Andersen, was born March 8, 1928, in Hulsig, Denmark. Andy attended grade school in Denmark and immigrated to the United States in 1950, to live with his Aunt Aberdeen and Uncle Peter Pedersen in Fargo, ND. March 31, 1951, he was drafted into the United States Army and served in Korea. After receiving his honorable discharge Dec. 31, 1952, he returned to Iowa and attended Grandview College and then Drake University from which he graduated. He moved to Omaha, NE, and began work in the insurance business.

In 1956, he married Elaine Jensen in Omaha, NE. Three children were born to this union. Andy worked for 10 years for John Hancock and then for 20 years at the national headquarters of the Danish Brotherhood of America in Omaha.

June 17, 1983, he married Annette Overgaard Johnson near Kimballton. They made their home in Omaha. After Andy retired as National Sales Director for the Danish Brotherhood of America, he and Annette returned to Kimballton. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, serving as treasurer. He was also a member of the Progressive Danes, Historical Society, local Danish Brotherhood Lodge 341 and the Danish Immigrant Museum, serving as interim executive director for one and a half years. He died June 12, 2001, at his home in Kimballton, following a lengthy illness at age 73 years, three months and four days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Annette Andersen of Kimballton; three children, Michael Andersen (Woody) of Wichita, KS; Erik Andersen (Patricia) of Copenhagen, Denmark; Linda (Mark) Griffith of Marysville, WA; grandchildren, Daniel Griffith, Emil Andersen and Niklas Andersen; stepchildren, Susan (Jeff) Edwards of Vinton; Linette (Randy) Hadley of Urbandale; Kurt Johnson (Barbara) of Audubon; Kris Johnson (Michelle) of Peoria, IL; step grandchildren, Matthew Edwards, Kellie Edwards, Brett Edwards, Jessica Hadley, Rebecca Hadley, Larissa Hadley, Alec Johnson, Dana Johnson and Ruby Tai Johnson; brothers and sisters, Anker Andersen of Denmark; Hans Andersen of Denmark; Grethe (Verner) Neilsen of Denmark; Erik Andersen (Anna Mari) of Norway; Tage Andersen (Kirsten) of Denmark and Birthe Christensen of Denmark; mother-in-law, Nadjeschda Overgaard of Kimballton; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 15, 2001, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor John Swenson officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Kjer Christensen, Bruce Elmquist, Ralph Hoifeldt, Howard Sorensen, Dwain Thompson, Bent Jensen, Maynard Nielsen and Jerry Christensen. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.