

## **Robert Andersen, 83**

*Sept. 16, 1921 - Sept. 19, 2004*

**HARLAN** — Robert Christian Andersen, the son of Martin and Johanna (Jensen) Andersen, was born Sept. 16, 1921, in Tennant. He attended Rabbit Hollow #2 country school through the eighth grade. He served in the U.S. Army from Oct. 19, 1942, until Nov. 10, 1945, where he participated in the African and European Theatres.

Dec. 25, 1946, Robert married Irma Johanna Sorensen at her parents' home in Harlan. The couple farmed east of Harlan for 36 years, retiring in Harlan in 1984. Irma died July 17, 1993, in Harlan. Robert was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He was also a member of the Shelby County VFW Post 941. He died Sept. 19, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years and three days.

Preceding Robert in death were his parents; his wife, Irma J. Andersen; two brothers, Arnold Andersen and Harold Andersen; and one infant granddaughter, Kathy Andersen. Survivors include three daughters, Linda (Art) Andersen of Owasso, OK; Bonnie (Allan) Ickes of Harlan; and Debbie (Craig) Musfeldt of Manning; two sons, Robert Andersen and his friend, Rhonda Brown; and Rick (Cheryl) Andersen, all of Harlan; one brother, Raymond Andersen of Harlan; one sister-in-law, Evelyn Andersen of Harlan; 14 grandchildren, Julie Livingston and Tammy Pond (children of Linda), Shawna Jacobsen, Sandra Harmon and Carmen Ickes (children of Bonnie), Elisha Leinen, Marsha and Mark Andersen (children of Robert), Justin, Katie and Joel Musfeldt (children of Debbie), and Ross, Nathan and Cali Andersen (children of Rick); nine great-grandchildren; one nephew, Allan Andersen of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 22, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Allan Andersen, Phil Daringer, Max Bacon, Norman Piercy and Leonard Petsche. Casket bearers were Mark Andersen, Justin Musfeldt, Ross Andersen, Steve Livingston, Josh Leinen and Tyler Jacobsen. Shelby County VFW Post #941 and Helmer Reyelt AL Post #150 were in charge of military rites. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.