

Robert Andersen, 87

Feb. 15, 1923 - March 12, 2010

HARLAN — Robert Charles Andersen, son of Thorwald and Mabel (Anderson) Andersen, was born on a farm in rural Shelby County February 15, 1923. He was baptized at the United Methodist Church in Hancock and later confirmed at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Walnut. Robert attended country school near Avoca and later the Avoca High School. After his schooling, Robert helped his father on their family farm. In 1942, Robert enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country honorably until his discharge in 1945 earning the bronze star.



June 30, 1942, Robert was united in marriage to Helen Chase in Maryville, MO. They were the parents of two sons: Dale and Robert. After his discharge, Robert and Helen made their home on a farm near Avoca from 1946 to 1951 when they moved to a farm near Walnut. They remained on that farm until their semi-retirement in 1987 when they moved to a farm near Hancock. Robert was a member of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut for several years. He served on several committees as well as being the head usher for several years. Robert was also a member of the Walnut American Legion Post #422. Robert loved the farm and raised just about every crop imaginable. He enjoyed his family and friends and his times visiting with them. Robert died on March 12, 2010, at the Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of eighty-seven years and twenty-five days.

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his son Dale and his two sisters: Ione Maassen and Helen Wendt. He is survived by his wife of sixty-seven years, Helen Andersen of Avoca; his son Robert Andersen of Omaha, NE; four grandchildren: Derek Andersen and his wife Debbie of Chicago, IL; Robin and her husband Michael Kussman of Omaha; Becky Andersen and friend Steve of Omaha and Darren Andersen and his wife Holly of Baldwin, MO, his great grandchildren: Emma Rose and Maiya Hope Andersen of Chicago, IL and Jackson and Spencer Kussman of Omaha, nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Pastor Gail Muckey officiated the 10:30 AM funeral service on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were Ralph Hansen, Milton Mueller, and Jack Osborn. Serving as casket

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bearers were Steve Mattern, Michael Kussman, Richard Bees, Even Bees, Bob Ferguson, and Dylan Bees. Military rites were performed by Walnut American Legion Post No. 422 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Hancock.

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