

Chester E. Anderson, 81

Oct. 6, 1917 - March 22, 1999

HARLAN - Chester Edward Anderson, son of Oscar and Olga (Andersen) Anderson, was born Oct. 6, 1917, on a farm near Harvard, NE. He was baptized and confirmed at the Ecumenical Church in Harvard. He grew to adulthood on the farm and attended high school at Harvard. As a young man he worked on area farms.

Jan. 27, 1942, Chet married Darlene Ellen Meisland at Maryville, KS. He became a member of the United States Army Feb. 12, 1942 at Fort Des Moines. He was a plotter serving in England, plotting the location of German bombing. He also served at Normandy, Central Europe and the Middle East receiving a silver and bronze battle star. After receiving his honorable discharge Oct. 14, 1945, he returned to Shelby County where he was employed for Wigness Machine Shop. He later operated the Harlan Welding and Machine Shop until 1982, when he retired because of ill health. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan and of the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 in Harlan and the Shelby County Museum. He died March 22, 1999, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 81 years, five months and 16 days.

In addition to his parents, Chet was preceded in death by his daughter, Lois; his brother, Robert; and his sisters, Lois and Eunice. Survivors include his wife, Darlene of Harlan; his children, Dean Anderson (Nancy) of Harlan; Deanna (Gary) Krummel of Avoca; and Steve Anderson (Kathy) of Harlan; grandchildren, Chris and Jenny Krummel, Kim and Bill Behrendt, Michelle and Cole Andersen, Melissa and Rob Jacobsen, David Anderson and James Anderson; seven great grandchildren; his sister, Ruth Hauder of Lincoln, NE; his brothers, Gerald Anderson (Marilyn) of Harlan; Loren Anderson (Kathy) of South Bend, NE; Neil Anderson (Ann) of Columbia, MO; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 25, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Jon Benson officiating. Burial was in the Danway Cemetery in Polk Township with military rites conducted by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan. Nels Block, Glen Zimmerman, Neil Anderson, Robert Bertsch, Loren Anderson and Gerald Anderson were honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Gary Krummel, William Behrendt, Rob Jacobsen, Jamie Andersen, Chris Krummel and Cole Andersen.

