

## **Russell Henderson, 75**

**Oct. 31, 1917 — June 7, 1993**

**DERBY, KS** — Russell K. Henderson was born in Egan, S.D., Oct. 31, 1917. He had four sisters, Grace McBride, Ruby Wende, Lucille Erickson and Evelyn Agan. When he was 2 years old, his family moved to Iowa. He was active in orchestra and chorus in school and graduated from Manilla High School. He joined the Army during WW II and served 4 years with the Army Air Corps, mostly in the Pacific Theatre, and was stationed for a long time on I Shima. He then served with the Army National Guard until retirement.

Sept. 16, 1944 he married Helen Tiede in Pierre, S.D. Over the years, they lived in S.D., CO., TX., NE., KS., and AK. They were the parents of 3 children. In addition to his military service, he ran a food locker business, a small arms and business machines repairman and held a long period of service with the Department of Defense working as an equipment and weapons inspector. He was a member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of V.F.W. American Legion and Loyal Order of the Moose. He died June 7, 1993, at his home in Derby, KS., after a long battle with Emphysema and Lung Cancer.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters, Grace McBride and Ruby Wende. Survivors are his wife, Helen; 3 children, George Randall Henderson, Barbara Jo Gregg and Kristen Lynne Sharp, 4 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Lucille Erickson and Evelyn Agan.

Funeral services were held June 18, 1993 in Derby, KS., with burial June 21, 1993 in Mitchell, S.D.