

Donald Andersen, 78

Dec. 25, 1931 - Aug. 5, 2010

IRWIN — Donald Dean Andersen, son of Nis and Katie (Mikkelsen) Andersen, was born on December 25, 1931 in Audubon County near Fiscus. He attended country school and after his schooling he farmed with his family near Audubon.

March 4, 1951, Donald was united in marriage to Dixie Fairchild at the Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Audubon. After their marriage, they farmed together near Audubon until 1959 when they moved to a farm east of Irwin. In addition to farming, Donald also worked for Francis Plumb Tiling, worked at Carlson Seed Corn and was an accomplished carpenter helping build new homes. Donald loved spending time with his family especially while boating, camping and fishing. He enjoyed his garden, watching NASCAR and spent much of his free time restoring Farmall Tractors or tinkering with his lawn mower. Donald died on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at Creighton University Hospital in Omaha, NE having attained the age of seventy-eight years, seven months and eleven days.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by brother Raymond Andersen and his sisters, Frances Walters and Selma Klinkefuhs. He is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Dixie Andersen of Irwin; his three daughters: Donna and her husband Dennis Baldwin of Kirkman, Denise Finken of Omaha, NE and Danita and her husband Neil McGinn of Denison; 5 grandchildren: Chris Finken, Matthew Finken, Josh Finken and his wife Tara, Nathan Sturtevant and his fiancé Amber and Jesse Baldwin and his wife Lacey, and one great grandchild, Cody Finken; his brother Richard Andersen and his wife Bonnie of Alaska; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 9, 2010 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, with Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating. Interment was held at Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin with Chris Finken, Matthew Finken, Josh Finken, Nathan Sturtevant, Jesse Baldwin and Cody Finken serving as honorary casket bearers and Mike Weber, Steven Andersen, Tom Ferry, Gary Walters, Bruce Andersen and Robert Weber serving as casket bearers.



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