

Gerald Anderson, 84

March 11, 1924 - Nov. 25, 2008

HARLAN — Gerald Oscar Anderson was born on March 11, 1924, in Harvard, NE, to Oscar and Olga (Andersen) Anderson. He attended elementary school in Clay Center, NE, and graduated from high school in Harvard, NE. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on November 2, 1943 and served during World War II at Iwo Jima, and the Japanese Islands of Peleliu, Ulithi, Eniwetok, and Saipan. It was there that he learned to duck and dig foxholes and became a member of the "Foxhole Fraternity". After his honorable discharge on April 15, 1946, he returned home and began fixing and selling tires. He also fixed bicycles. He left the war but it never left him. He said the war made him a kinder person and he was always helping people.



June 2, 1956, Gerald was united in marriage to Marilyn Kroger at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, IA. Six children were born to this union. Gerald's hobbies were wood working, leather tooling, and playing solitaire. He loved to be gardening and working with flowers, especially his roses. Although he was a huge Iowa Hawkeye fan, his biggest love was being with his grandchildren. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Vets. Gerald died on Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE, having attained the age of eighty-four years, eight months, and fourteen days.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, his son Mark, his brothers Chester and Robert, and his sisters Lois and Eunice. He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years Marilyn Anderson of Harlan, IA; his children: Mike Anderson in Florida, Larry Anderson and his wife Julie of Red Oak, IA, Nanette and her husband Todd Miller of Sioux Falls, SD, Karlene and her husband Terry Jacobsen of Harlan, Kelvin Anderson of Council Bluffs, IA, and Kyle Anderson and his wife Melissa of Omaha, NE; eight grandchildren: Nelson Miller, Helena Miller, Megan Anderson, Nate Jacobsen, Molly Jacobsen, Dylan Anderson, Shelby Jacobsen, and Blake Anderson; sister Ruth Hauder, brothers: Loren Anderson and his wife Kathy of Saddlebrook, AZ, and Neil Anderson and his wife Ann of Columbia, MO; other family members and friends.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, November 29, 2008, with Pastor Steven Chellew officiating the 10:30 AM service at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan, IA. Casket bearers were Craig Kroger, Steve Anderson, Randy Kroger, Jay Hansen, Ray Hansen, and John Hansen with military rites held at the Harlan Cemetery by the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941.

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