

John Victor Anderson, 73

Feb. 17, 1928 - Nov. 8, 2001

IRWIN – John Victor Anderson was born to Carl and Annabelle (Portwood) Anderson Feb. 17, 1928, at Hebron, NE. He grew up on a farm near Hebron, attending country school, and was a member of the Hebron High School graduating class of 1946. Following graduation, he served his country in the Navy from March 1946 to January 1948. After his honorable discharge, he returned to his home state and enrolled in the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, graduating in 1954.

June 18, 1950, he married Margaret Mary Ludwig at the Methodist Church in Hebron. To this union five children were born, Barry, Jonna, Carmel, Earl and John II. July 1, 1954, John and Margaret moved to Irwin, where he became the vocational agriculture teacher and also taught science. Following three years of teaching, he became a feed salesman for Murphy's Feeds. He accepted a similar position with Master Mix Feeds several years later. In 1969, John founded his own company, Feeder's Best Choice. He retired in 1991. He was an active member of the Sardius Masonic Lodge of Irwin and the Order of the Eastern Star, Abu Bekr Temple of the Shrine, Austin Earl Hyatt American Legion Post #614 of Irwin and Gideons International. John loved music and sang in the church choir. He died Nov. 8, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 73 years, eight months and 22 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant sibling. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Anderson of Irwin; his children, Barry Anderson (Nancy) of Omaha, NE; Jonna (Carl) Willadsen of Sedalia, MO; Carmel (Charles) Biskner of Ames; Earl Anderson (Poungtong "Ann") of Bellevue, NE and John Anderson II (Cheryl) of Mesa, AZ; grandchildren, Will and Kevin Anderson; Mark, Callie and Aaron Willadsen; Chad and Carly Mortensen; Stewart, Megan and Robert Anderson; Jessica and Natalie Anderson; sister, Fidella (Ray) Moses of Colorado Springs, CO; brother, Charles Anderson of Albuquerque, NM; aunt, Rose Portwood of Fairbury, NE; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, 2001, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with the American Legion Austin Earl Hiatt Post 614 of Irwin presiding an honor guard and presenting the flag. Honorary casket bearers were Callie Willadsen, Jessica Anderson, Megan Anderson, Natalie Anderson and Carly Mortensen. Casket bearers were Kevin Anderson, William Anderson, Aaron Willadsen, Robert Anderson, Chad Mortensen, Stewart Anderson and Mark Willadsen. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

