



Axel Edward Andersen

June 6, 1926 - October 16, 2015

A. Edward Andersen, son of Hans P. and Minnie (Sorensen) Andersen, was born on June 6, 1926 in Omaha, Nebraska.

During his early childhood years, Ed lived on a dairy farm in Carter Lake, Iowa. When he was 6 years old, the family moved to rural Waterloo, Nebraska, where he attended elementary school at rural District 15 and 24, and then Valley High School.

He enlisted in the US Army where he spent much time guarding and transporting Federal prisoners across the country.

Upon returning home from the service, he farmed briefly for Ralph Zimmerman feed yard in Elkhorn.

In November 1947, Ed married Darlene Denker. Shortly after, they started operating the family dairy farm south of Valley, where they raised their family of four children; Robert, Susan, Nancy and Peggy.

During this time, Ed and Darlene were very involved in numerous community organizations. Also, Ed was elected to various leadership positions on local and state agricultural boards.

Ed was dedicated and committed to the Grange organization for 60 plus years; serving as President of the Elkhorn V-E Grange, the Pomona Grange, and the Nebraska State Grange. While serving as President of the Nebraska State Grange, he was elected Vice President of the National Grange. In November of 1979, he was elected President of the National Grange. They moved to McLean, Virginia for eight years working in the National Grange office. While in D.C., Ed was appointed and served on numerous national advisory committees and boards. Peggy and her husband, Kent took over the farm at the time of Ed and Darlene's move to Washington D.C., and continue to operate the family farm.

Upon returning to Nebraska in 1988, they built their current home adjacent to the farmstead. Ed maintained his interest in farming, and was active in the American Legion, Church, and Grange. He enjoyed being able to watch his grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow as they participated in activities from school and church programs to sporting events and weddings.

Ed passed away in his home on Friday, October 16, 2015, at the age of 89. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, 1 sister, and great grandson Mason Schultz. Ed is survived by his wife Darlene, son Robert (Jackie) Andersen, daughters; Susan (Terry) Gilfry, Nancy (John) Prestia, Peggy (Kent) Merryweather, 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, brother Nels (Opal) Andersen, sister-in-law Marge Grabow, brother-in-law Howard (Lois) Denker of Elkhorn, and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to say "Thank You" for your support, prayers, and your friendship.

A. Edward Andersen, age 89, of Waterloo, NE, died 10-16-15. Preceded in death by great grandson Mason Schultz. Survived by wife Darlene of Waterloo, children; Robert & Jackie Andersen of Lincoln, NE, Susan & Terry

Gilfry of Elkhorn, Nancy & John Prestia of Elkhorn, and Peggy & Kent Merryweather of Waterloo, NE, 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, brother Nels & Opal Andersen of Waterloo, NE, sister-in-law Marge Grabow of Omaha, brother-in-law Howard & Lois Denker of Elkhorn, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service Tuesday, 11 AM at Bethany Lutheran Church, Elkhorn with military honors. Visitation Monday from 2-8 PM with the family receiving friends from 5-8 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Private interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery Elkhorn. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to the Waterloo Rescue Squad or the Valley Veterans Club.

Tribute Wall



“ *Axel Edward Andersen*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Ed,s death. We always enjoyed visiting with him & Darlene, and the family.. What a wonderful legacy he leaves to his family. Prayers & sympathies to all...*

Virg & Judy Gottsch - October 20, 2015 at 09:54 PM



“ *Bob and Jackie,*

Our condolences are extended to you at this time. It was a pleasure visiting with you at the luncheon Oct. 10, in Lincoln.

Frank and Denise Koch

Frank and Denise Koch - October 20, 2015 at 09:26 AM



“ *Bob-*

I wanted to send my condolences to you. It is always a sad time when a parent dies. My best to you and your family at this time. I lost my dad over twenty years ago. Thinking of you and your family.

Gordon

Gordon Kissel - October 19, 2015 at 09:10 AM

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“ *Our sympathy. Remembering our day together with your Dad at Malena Dairy.*

Darwin & Lois Franzen - October 16, 2015 at 06:45 PM