

## OBITUARY

# Ralph Anderson, 81

Ralph W. Anderson, 81, State Center, died of a heart ailment Friday, Jan. 10, 2003 at South Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Marshalltown. Services were Tuesday, Jan. 14, at St. John Lutheran Church, State Center, of which he was a member. Burial followed at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown.

Mr. Anderson was born Sept. 19, 1921 in Marshalltown, the son of Harry K. and Jessie Wallace Anderson. He was raised and educated in Marshalltown, graduating from Marshalltown High School in 1939. He attended Marshalltown Junior College then joined the United States Navy in WW II, serving as an aviation electrician. While in the service he met and married Helen Szynal on May 12, 1945 in Cranston, R.I., at her home.

Mr. Anderson lived in Marshalltown before moving to State Center many years ago. He was a farmer and worked for Brown Electrical Contractors before retiring. He was a Navy veteran of

World War II and a member of the American Legion in State Center, Moose Lodge in Marshalltown and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He enjoyed his farm.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; daughter Linda Monroe of Cedar Rapids; three sons Donn and John, both of Marshalltown; and Thomas of State Center; a brother, Donald, and a sister; Charolette Roberts, both of Marshalltown; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one brother, Harry and a brother-in-law.

Casket bearers were Dick Anderson, Tracy Anderson, Brian Larsen, Wayne Larsen, Bob Roberts and Jerry Roberts. Honorary bearers were Gary Anderson, Joe Armbricht, John Caputo, Pat Fisher, Alistair Grieve, Clifford Hayes, LaVern Horner, Jeff Larsen, Artie Riese, Blair Robins and Dick Wallace.

Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.