



Robert B. Anderson

October 9, 1923 - March 18, 2014

Clay Center resident Robert B. Anderson, 90, died Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at the Gretna Community Living Center in Gretna, NE.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 22, 2014, at the Aurora Evangelical Free Church in Aurora, NE with Pastor Vance Christie officiating. Interment will follow at the Clay Center Cemetery in Clay Center, NE.

Visitation will be Friday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at McLaughlin Funeral Chapel in Clay Center, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Robert B. Anderson Memorial Fund or to Harvard Rest Haven.

Bob was born October 9, 1923, to Carl J. and Dorothy L. (Siehndel) Anderson in Mankato, Minnesota. In 1944, Bob met Pearl Ehrisman and they were married March 4, 1946, in Wagner, SD at the United Methodist Church.

In 1947, their first child Dennis was born and after that 6 more sons followed over the next 22 years: Jack, Carl, David, Robert, Timothy and Scott - all born in Wagner, SD.

Throughout his life: Bob completed high school. He attended approximately a year of college at Brookings, South Dakota; where he majored in agriculture

and was in the ROTC. His college life was cut short, due to war breaking out; which caused him to have to return to the family farm and help his dad. He continued to farm for the first 23 years of his married life. After selling the family farm he moved from South Dakota settling in Clay Center, Nebraska with his wife and 5 of the boys. He took a position working as an Animal Research Technician at the US Meat Animal Research Center near Clay Center, Nebraska. In 1992, after 22 years, he retired from the Research Center; although he truly never 100% retired.

After Bob's retirement he continued to work hard farming for a close friend and maintaining a duplex apartment in Clay Center as well.

Bob had many hobbies including camping for 40 plus years with his wife and family. He also enjoyed woodworking, gardening, landscaping and following his sons' sports activities.

While residing in South Dakota Bob's faith in God, called him to be a Gideon, substitute preaching at several area churches; he also taught Sunday school & was also instrumental in helping start a new church in Harvard, Neb. Bob loved his precious Lord, wife Pearl & family.

He leaves his sister, Pauline Efta of Norfolk, NE; seven (count em' SEVEN) sons, Denny & Diane of Freedom, NH; Jack & Cheryl of Clever, MO; Carl & Shirley of Hastings, NE; David & Cindy of Quaker Hill CT; Bob & Betty of Gretna, NE; Tim & Katie of Clay Center, NE; Scott & Jodi of Canton, SD; 29 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pearl; his parents, Carl and Dorothy; and brother, Dick.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences on Bob's passing. It was my pleasure to have worked with Bob at the MARC. I never worked with a better man.*

*Mike and Fran Wallace & family
Nelson, NE*

Mike Wallace - March 22, 2014 at 04:34 AM

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“ *Bob, and family. Our prayers are with you all during this sad time. I know your father is with your mother right now up in heaven along with Donna. He was truly a great man. You were lucky to have such a wonderful father.*

Dale and Nancy Gasper - March 19, 2014 at 11:32 AM

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“ *Please accept our sincere thoughts and prayers to the family during this time. We have very funny memories of Bob. Again, our condolences.*

*Marv and Karen Tessman
Sutton, NE.*

Marvin and Karen Tessman - March 18, 2014 at 05:37 PM