Ray G. Anderson, 81

Ray G. Anderson, 81, of Grinnell and formerly a long-time resident of Jasper County, died of congestive heart failure Thursday, Jan. 9, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

His funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 13, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell with burial at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

The son of Ed and Sylvia Larson Anderson, he was born Sept. 8, 1921, in Cambridge, Iowa. He was raised in Cambridge and was a 1939 graduate of Cambridge High School. He later attended an aircraft mechanics machinist school in Des Moines. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Force during World War II and served in the European Theatre. He was married to Marilyn Swanson March 24, 1944, in Louisville, Ky., and the couple farmed in Jasper County. He also was a 30-year employee of The Maytag Company in Newton, retiring in 1976. He retired from farming in 1986. He moved to a farm near Ewart in 1985 prior to moving to Grinnell in 1990. He was a member of the Lutheran faith and U.A.W. No. 997.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn of Grinnell; two daughters, Marcia Iversen of Grinnell and Mary Lynn Armstrong of Kent, Wash.; three sons, Ronny Anderson of Kellogg, Dennis Anderson of Grinnell and Terry Anderson of Montezuma; one brother, Irvin Anderson of Cambridge; nine grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter-in-law, Sharon Anderson; one sister, Edna Terrell; two brothers, Byron and Maurice Anderson; and one grandson, Michael.