Carroll Anderson

Carroll "Shorty" Anderson, 77, of Kellogg died Monday, June 27, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services for Carroll "Shorty" Anderson will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, at the Kellogg Christian Church, with Mr. Matt Siebert, interim pastor of the church, and the Rev. Carol Myers, pastor of the Sheridan United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist will be June Gregory. Pallbearers will be Marty Anderson, Bruce Kading, Dale Lenz, Chasu Lo and Charlie and Jake Manning. Honorary bearers will include Pete Bonyata, Merle Brown, Al Dee, Jake DeGreef, Jerry Morris, John Soorholtz, Eddie Sweany and Carl Vinall. Burial will be at Our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg.

Visitation will be held from noon to 9 p.m. on Friday, July 1, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Family will be present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

He was born June 25, 1928 on the family farm in Jasper County, near Kellogg, the son of Andrew Jay and Maude Estelle Milligan Anderson. He was a 1946 grad of Kellogg High School. On Feb. 6, 1949, he was married to Alice Faye Fair in Grinnell, and the couple farmed in Jasper County.

He showed purebred spotted hogs at the Iowa State Fair starting at 11 years of age and continued to show there for 50 years. After working with his father, he and his brother "Chick" formed Anderson Spot Farms.

He was a member of the Iowa Pork Producers and the Iowa Spotted Breeders Association, and a past president, national director and member of the Iowa Swine Test Station board of directors. He is listed in the National Spotted Swine Hall of Fame and was named Iowa Master Seedstock Producer. He won countless awards in the show ring.

He was also a member of the Farmland Co-op board of directors, a trustee for Rock Creek Township, a member of both the Elks and Eagles lodges and a member of the board of trustees of the Kellogg Christian Church.

He enjoyed meeting people and also enjoyed the outdoors. For 30 years he and his friends would travel regularly to Montana to hunt deer. He also fished in Wisconsin, in South Dakota, in Lake Superior, and in a private lake on the land his grandparents had settled.

His wife and his children— and their children and grandchildren— were a joy to him.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Marcia Kading of Minneapolis, Jill Anderson of Des Moines and April Manning of Des Moines; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Juanita Ahrens of Grinnell and June Gregory of Altoona.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Wanda Parsons and Elva Hulse; and two brothers, Wayne "Chick" Anderson and Vernon "Cap" Anderson.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Kellogg Christian Church or to Grinnell Regional Hospice.