William A. Anderson

William A. Anderson of Mason City and formerly of Newton and Grinnell died Friday, July 21, 2006, at Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Funeral services for William Anderson will be held on Tuesday, July 25, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton, with burial to follow in the Newton Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held today (Monday) at the funeral home; the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m. to greet friends.

Born Aug. 26, 1921, in Des Moines, he was the son of Clark and Areatha Shill Anderson. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was honored with the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the Good Conduct Award.

He married Alyce A. Newton in Montezuma on July 21, 1945. From 1949 to his retirement in 1983, he was a tub welder in the factory at Maytag.

He resided in Grinnell until 1950, then in Newton until 1992, in Grinnell again until 1997 and in Mason City from 1998 to the present.

He was a member of the V.F.W. Post No. 1655 and American Legion Post No. 111, and a former member of U.A.W. Local No. 997. He also enjoyed coaching Little League and Babe Ruth baseball and watching sprint car races.

He is survived by two brothers, Web and Edgar Anderson, both of Grinnell; three sons, Andy of Newtown, Mo., Richard Wayne of Grinnell and Larry of Newton; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers, Everett, Harold and Bob; two sisters, Margaret and Lucille; and a granddaughter, Angela.

Memorials in his name may be left at the Wallace Family Funeral Home.