

Thomas J. Anderson

Thomas J. Anderson, 73, of Grinnell died Tuesday, July 10, at Grinnell Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. John Epperson, pastor of the Grinnell Christian Church, officiating. Organist was Margaret Wheeler. Pallbearers were Jessica, Luke and Libby Anderson; Clayton Cheney; Eric and Garth Gause; and Justin Adams. Honorary bearers were Ted Clausen, Mike Ahrens, Del Gaylor and Paul McDonald.

Members of the Grinnell American Legion Honor Guard conducted veterans ceremonial rites at Hazelwood Cemetery.

The son of Ralph W. and Gladys Bernice Caldwell Anderson, he was born Nov. 8, 1927, in Des Moines. He was a 1945 graduate of Des Moines East High School. He served with the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theater.

He was married to Kathleen Brown Aug. 29, 1948, in Grinnell. Mr. Anderson was employed by Grinnell College, Parson's Printing Co., Ritter Plumbing and Heating and the city of Grinnell. He retired as city water superintendent Dec. 31, 1993, after 40 years.

Mr. Anderson was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Isaac Walton League and the Eagles Lodge. He was a former member of the American Water Works Association.

Surviving are his wife; two children, Linda Gause of Bloomington, Ind., and Jan Anderson of Grinnell; one brother, Keith of Baldwin Park, Calif.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

His parents and two brothers, Jerry and Robert, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Isaac Walton League or the Grinnell Regional Medical Center Healing Garden.

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