Robert Anderson, 75

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Robert William Anderson, 75, of Searsboro, died Nov. 6, 2008, at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

His funeral service was Tuesday, Nov. 11, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in

Montezuma. Interment was at the Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

Robert William Anderson, son of Robert and Lucia (Moine) Anderson was born on Oct. 15, 1933, in Des Moines. He attended East High School in Des Moines where he was active in both football and baseball. After high school he served one year as an optician apprentice with the Barnett & Remble Optical Company in Des Moines. He also played one year of baseball with the Iowa Stars before enlisting in the U.S. Army, where he taught new recruits hand-to-hand combat skills.

On Sept. 11, 1953, Robert married Betty Lou Allen. They had two children, Robert and Rhonda. After his honorable discharge in April of 1955, he returned to Des Moines where he continued his career as an optician. On Feb. 24, 1992, Robert was united in marriage to Helen Juniece McCuddin, whom he had met and began courting in 1978. In 1995 he retired from the Central Iowa Co Op Optical and continued working at the marina at Lake Ponderosa. He enjoyed breaking and showing American Saddle Bred horses, building and racing go carts, and coaching little league softball. Robert was also a John Wayne and Bonanza fan. Above all, his children and grandchildren were his true pride and joy.

His memory is honored by his wife, Juniece of Searsboro; two sons: Robert (Tammi) Anderson of Las Vegas, and Don (Cary) Hubbard of Oskaloosa; three daughters: Rhonda (Chris) Massey of Runnells, Joreen (Mick) Hensley of Centennial, Colo., and Andy (Spencer) Sutton of Ankeny. Robert was also blessed with nine grandchildren: Shauna, Shannon, C.J., Angel, Robert, Alayna, Ethan, Allyson and Kaitlyn.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lucia Anderson; two brothers, Frank and Larry; a sister, Roberta O'Conner, and two nieces, Lucia and Jody Anderson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in the family's name. Friends may give condolences or sign the online guestbook at hollandcoblefuneralhome. com.