

Wilbur Anderson

Wilbur R. Anderson, 70, of Iowa Veterans Home, Marshalltown, a former resident of Brooklyn and Gilman, died Thursday night, Nov. 10, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Iowa City.

Memorial Services for Mr. Anderson were held at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 14 in the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. Rev. James B. Rea, pastor, officiated. The organist was Mrs. Angie Hawkins and special selections were "Amazing Grace" and "Be Thou My Vision". Interment was in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom, with military rites conducted by members of Francis Gallagher American Legion Post #294. Nevenhoven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Wilbur Ray Anderson, son of Elmer S. Anderson and Ellen Robey Anderson, was born June 1, 1924, on a farm north of Brooklyn. Wilbur received his education in a rural school and the Brooklyn School. He served with the US Navy from May 21, 1943 to March 12, 1946.

For 20 years he was a "cat skinner" for Lester Duffus. Later, he was a truck driver for 20 years for Clark Brink of Grinnell.

He was united in marriage to Betty Hanus in May of 1954 and they were divorced at a later date. On June 20th, 1977, he was united in marriage to Dawn French in Des Moines. They were later divorced.

Wilbur lived most of his life in Gilman and Brooklyn until this year when he moved to the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. He was a member of the Francis Gallagher American Legion Post #294 of Brooklyn.

Surviving are one daughter and four sons, Elmer and his wife, Joyce, of Brooklyn, Andrew and his wife, Pam, of Rockwell, Texas, LouAnna, and her husband, LeRoy Olson of Toledo, Christopher and his wife, Karen, of Dallas, and Ray of Gilman; three step-sons, Bill Jones of Colo, Frank Laffoon of Colorado, and Tim Laffoon of Garwin; two brothers, Earl of Iowa City and Reno of Russellville, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and one sister.

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