

ANDERSEN, Francis J.

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Francis J. Andersen

Francis J. Andersen was born April 1, 1925 near Viborg. His parents were Praben and Mary Frances (Bauer) Anderson.

He attended rural schools and graduated from Viborg High School. He served in the US Army and was an MP in Hawaii. After his discharge, he returned to Viborg and was engaged in trucking and farming. He married Marilyn Hansen on November 13, 1950 at Yankton. They farmed in the Viborg and Freeman area until 1962. He worked as a meat processor for Cimpls and as a mechanic for Freeman Implement, Viborg Coop, and Menno Mercantile. He retired in 1986 and worked part time for Freeman Coop & Fertilizer. Francis and Marilyn moved into Viborg in 1987 where he took up woodworking and made many pieces for family and friends throughout the years. They also delivered the Argus Leader in Viborg for the last few years. He was a member of the St. Boniface Catholic Church and of the Centerville Council of Knights of Columbus.

Francis passed away on May 17th, 2000 at Freeman Community Hospital in Freeman. He had attained the age of 75.

He was preceded in death by his parents, eleven brothers and sisters, and two grandsons: Adam Kaufman and Brent Uthe.

Francis is survived by his wife, Marilyn, of Viborg; four daughters: Reyne and husband Kelly Kaufman of Custer, Rita Andersen of Freeman, Betty Andersen of Ft. Collins, CO, and Mary and husband Steve King of Yankton; two sons: Terry and wife Carol of Madison and Ken of Freeman; one brother, Leo, of Irene; eleven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Services were held Saturday, May 20, 2000 10:30 a.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church. Father Denis Meier and Deacon Bill Frankman officiated the service. Organist was Jan Weier and special music was provided by Matt and Mike Andersen. Honorary Pallbearers were Patty Kastenschmidt, Amber Andersen, Tara Andersen, Amy Winrow, Amy Anderson, Angie Dailey, Dawn Blattner, Larissa Hunhoff, Morgan King, Lindsey King. Pallbearers were Mike Andersen, Shawn Andersen, Christopher Dailey, Tome Blattner, Mike Winrow, Greg Kastenschmidt.

Blessed be his memory.
