

ANDERSEN, Arne Halver

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Arne Andersen

Arne Halver Andersen, 74, son of Ludwig and Agnes (Jensen) Andersen, was born near Hurley, SD on November 5, 1921. He died Monday, May 6, 1996 at Royal C. Johnson Veterans Memorial Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD.

He grew up in the Hurley area and graduated from Hurley High School in 1939.

Arne served his country in the United States Army during World War II from 1942 to 1945 and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He married Orella Mae Larson at Viborg, SD on November 9, 1947. She preceded him in death on August 6, 1986.

Mr. Andersen was in the floor covering business for 49 years having started in 1947 in Sioux Falls, SD. In 1951 he and a partner formed the Elliott and Andersen Floor Covering in Sioux Falls. Arne and his family moved to Hurley in 1959 where he continued his floor covering business "Andersen Floors" until his death.

He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church and the American Legion Post 21; served as former Hurley city councilman and fireman; coached boys and girls baseball and softball and was instrumental in obtaining the first lights for the ball diamond. He was an active participant of Par Mar Valley

Country Club and was a former board member.

He is survived by two sons: Douglas and wife, Mary, of Tea; Brian and wife, Caroline of Marion; one daughter, Michelle and husband, Mark Koller, of Vermillion; nine grandchildren: Nicholas, Thomas, Timothy and Kathryn Andersen; Joshua and Adam Koller; Blake, Brandon and Caycee Andersen; two brothers: Ejner and wife, Betty of Parker and Leo of Hurley; four sisters: Vera Rayburn of Hurley, Helga and husband, William Elchel of Parker, Herdis Almond of Hurley and Dotty and husband, Duane Larsen of Viborg.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Orella; one brother Ejler and one sister, Astrid.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 9, 1996, 10:00 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, Hurley with Pastor James Schwartz officiating.

Pallbearers will be Lon Andersen, Joshua Koller, Nicholas Andersen, Alden Christensen, Darwin Christensen, Gerald Christensen. He will be laid to rest with Military Honors at Hurley City Cemetery.