

Charley Thom Andersen, 90, of Miller, passed away Thursday, December 16, 2010 at the Eastern Star Home in Redfield.

Charley Thom Andersen was born on January 19, 1920 in Howard, South Dakota to Charley and Eva (Thom) Andersen. He attended 12 years of school in Howard and graduated in June of 1937. He then attended Huron College from 1939 and 1940 before transferring to South Dakota State College entering the Creamery Course.

From 1940 to 1941, Thom worked for Andersen Creamery. On January 9, 1942 Thom enlisted into United States Marine Corp and was overseas in the South Pacific for two years. He then returned to Washington D.C. and was in charge of a marine detachment at a naval base for two and one half years until his honorable discharged on February 2, 1946 as a Sergeant.

While on leave from active duty, Thom married Gail M. Matthews in Washington D.C. on December 12, 1943.

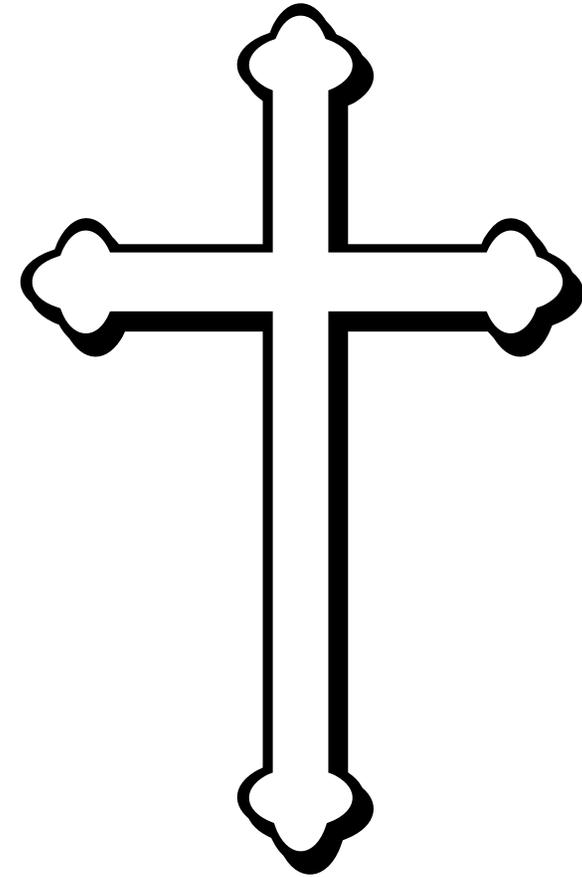
After serving his country, Thom worked as an ice cream maker at the milk bottling company for two years. Then in 1949, he went to work for Nash Finch Company as a grocery salesman for 34 years before retiring in 1983. During that time, he was a high school referee for many high school games; continuing to support the teams as a spectator in the later years.

Thom and Gail enjoyed traveling; touring 43 states throughout their travels. For ten years, they also enjoyed wintering in Texas. In his spare time, he enjoyed gardening and sitting in the backyard watching birds. In Thom's later years, he spent his time caring for Gail as her health was failing. He was a faithful, devoted husband caring for Gail and sitting by her side until the end.

Thom was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, serving as a elder and usher. He also was active in the Masonic Lodge, VFW and Marine Corp.

Thom is survived by his wife, Gail of the Eastern Star Home in Redfield, SD; one sister; Barbara Jackson of California and many nieces and nephews.

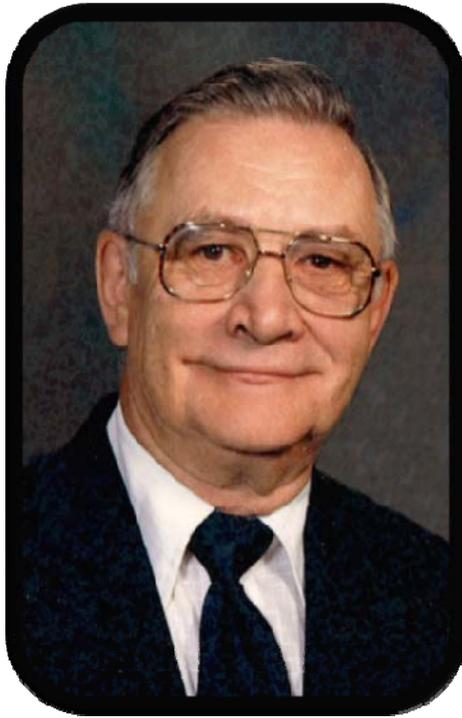
He was preceded in death by his parents, Charley and Eva; and three sisters; Rhoda Andersen, Dora Hawley, and Marjorie Fuller.



*Thom Andersen*

January 19, 1920

December 16, 2010



*23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm*

*The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the  
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and thy  
staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the  
presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my  
head with oil; my cup runneth over*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of my life and I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord forever.*

*In Loving Memory*

*Thom Andersen*

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**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m., Monday, January 17, 2011  
First Presbyterian Church  
Miller, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING**

Rev. Brian Jones

**USHER**

Casey Schultz

**ORGANIST**

Kristi Prince

**SOLOIST**

Andrianna Lehr

**MUSIC SELECTIONS**

"Our Father"  
"How Great Thou Art"  
"Old Rugged Cross"

**INURNMENT**

Hillcrest Cemetery  
Miller, South Dakota  
With Masonic and Military Rites