

BASEBALL IN HEAVEN

Young Bert & Kent were baseball nuts and played it all the time. They were, of course, quite good at it, since each was in his prime.

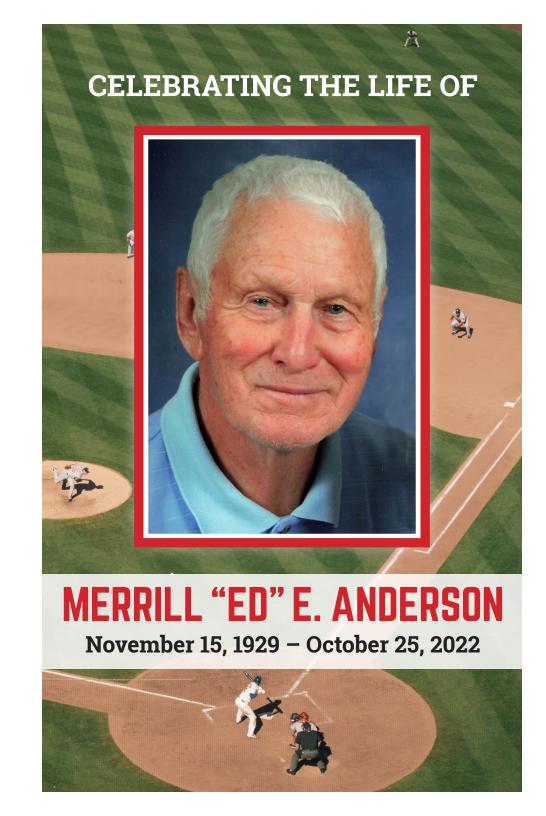
One day Bert said, "I wonder, friend, if when this life is through, they'll have baseball in heaven there? Oh, I hope that is true!"

The chums agreed the first to die would come and tell his friend if baseball would continue there, or would come to an end.

One night that old Grim Reaper came and snapped up poor young Kent, and unexpected though it seemed, he was to Glory sent.

Before too many weeks had passed, Kent was allowed to come on back to Earth to talk to Bert, who had been feeling glum.

"We've got baseball up there," he said.
"It seems you got that right,
and pal, I have good news for you:
you pitch tomorrow night!"





Merrill "Ed" E. Anderson, 92, of Clear Lake, died Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at Concord Care Center in Garner.

Merrill Edward Anderson, the son of John and Esther (Olson) Anderson, was born November 15, 1929, in Ventura. His childhood years were spent in the Ventura area where he attended school and graduated from Ventura High School in 1947. Ed continued his education at Buena Vista College where he played

baseball for one year. He then played semi pro baseball in Duluth, MN, for one year where he faced many batters who went pro including Henry (Hank) Aaron, who played for Eau Claire, WI. After a year in the minors, he enlisted and played baseball for the Navy. He was a veteran of both the Korean and Viet Nam wars. After his honorable discharge, he was active in many of the area ball teams. On September 12, 1952, he married Betty Schisel at her parents' home in Garner. After various jobs and locations, they settled in Clear Lake, IA. He was working at Iowa Mold Tooling in Garner when he retired. Ed was an avid fisherman and loved watching sports, especially baseball. He also enjoyed cards and cribbage games.

He was a member of Clear Lake United Methodist Church.

Ed is survived by his wife, Betty; sisters-in-law, Donna Jean Schisel, Bessie Schisel and Linda Schisel of Garner; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Maurene Coyer, Phyllis Jensen and Lois Hanson; and brothers, Carroll, Larry and Robert "Bing" Anderson.



MERRILL "ED" E. ANDERSON

November 15, 1929 - October 25, 2022

Age: 92 Years, 11 Months, 10 Days

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Cataldo Funeral Chapel Garner, Iowa 10:30 a.m., Saturday October 29, 2022

OFFICIATING

Pastor Tedi Anne Hassapopoulos

MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

URN BEARERS

Kevin Hadley Eugene Waage James Fletcher Jon Schisel

MILITARY RITES

Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit

BURIAL

Concord Township Cemetery
Garner, Iowa

All are invited to join the family for a time of fellowship and a luncheon at the Garner United Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall immediately following the graveside service.

