



Mr. Andy Anderson

August 11, 1927 - December 20, 2012

James Forest "Andy" Anderson, 85, of Bluffton passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2012 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Andy was born on Aug. 11, 1927 in Payne, Ohio to James Victor Anderson and Georgianna (Henry) Anderson. He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1945. He married Betty Louise Thomas on May 22, 1946 in Lancaster Township of Wells County, Indiana. She survives.

Andy and Betty owned Andy's Inc. of Bluffton, which included a rental business, appliance store and coin laundries in Bluffton, Hartford City and Ossian and also car washes. He was a member of the Bluffton Elks Lodge.

He served in the U.S. Army from May of 1946 through November of 1947. Andy and his wife enjoyed summers at their cottage on Lake Tippecanoe and spent many winters in Harlingen, Texas. His interests included playing his guitar and the piano, dancing with Betty, and woodworking.

Survivors include three sons, James "Ron" Anderson (Jean) of Bluffton; Gerald "Jerry" Anderson (Judy) of Fort Wayne, and Kevin Anderson (Marsha) of Bradenton, Fla.; one daughter, Janice Yager (Steve) of Fort Wayne; ten grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Naomi Osborn of Fort Wayne and Laretta George of Bluffton.

Mr. Anderson was preceded in death by his parents and four sisters, Beulah Wiseman, Donna Yocum, Chloe Kizer and Arlene Wilson Studebaker.

Friends are invited to call on the Anderson family from 11:30 to 2:30 on Sunday at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Funeral Services will be held at 2:30 P.M. , December 23, 2012, in the funeral home with Pastor Kent Sovine, his grandson-in-law, officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton with Military Honors performed by the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the United States Army Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to the COPD Foundation or the Wells County Food Bank.
Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Andy Anderson*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

KR

“ *We found out about this after your dad's death and were out of town on the day of the viewing or we would have come. We met your dad at CC and always said hello. We know it's hard to lose a dad. Just allow yourself time to grieve. Take care,*

Kayleen Reusser - December 28, 2012 at 07:00 AM

NH

“ *Ron, Jerry and families--I just saw your Dad's obituary on-line and was unaware of his passing until now. I know it is hard to loose someone, especially around the holidays. (I buried my husband a month ago today.) I am praying for your families and hope you find peace and healing in the love and memories of him. He left a real legacy for your family. Love, Nancy Reusser Halstead*



Nancy Reusser Halstead - December 27, 2012 at 12:07 AM

SS

“ *Ron, I was saddened to read of your father's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you.*



Susan D. Schafer - December 26, 2012 at 01:50 PM

SB

“ *To all of the family. I am so sorry for your loss and was unaware of your dad's passing until after the funeral. Please forgive me for not being there for you. My prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Sandy Beington*

Sandy Bevington - December 24, 2012 at 07:40 PM

PS

“ *My heart goes out to the family for their loss. May the good and fun memories of his life help during this time. God be with you.*

Philip Shafer - December 24, 2012 at 03:04 AM

CH

“ Christine And Dan Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Anderson



Christine and Dan Hunt - December 23, 2012 at 02:58 PM

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“ We would like to send our condolences to Andy's family. We are sorry we can not make it to the funeral. Sharon is having balance problem,s . Robert &Sharton Forrer (Weisman)

Robert & Sharon Forrer (Weisman) - December 23, 2012 at 12:15 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Andy Anderson.



December 22, 2012 at 09:05 AM



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KT

“ Kimberly Thomas-Reum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Andy Anderson



Kimberly Thomas-Reum - December 21, 2012 at 05:05 PM

KT

“ *Uncle Andy was an amazing man and will be missed. He's the reason I learned to love the water.....and to ski. Our world will never be the same without him in it.*

Kimberly Thomas-Reum - December 21, 2012 at 05:03 PM

JJ

“ *There can't be "A" memory when we think of Andy - So many wonderful ones from over 50 years of friendship!! Our lives were definitely enriched because of our dear, dear friend! We will miss him.*

Jackie Johnson - December 21, 2012 at 10:23 AM