

Robert James Anderson was born July 28, 1933 in Minneapolis, MN the son of Carl and Agnes (Helten) Anderson. He was raised in Minneapolis and graduated from North High School. Robert continued his education at the University of Minnesota where he earned his bachelor's degree.

Robert began teaching music in St. Paul and in Kimball, MN. After several years of teaching Robert made a career change. He began working with the Medtronic Corporation as an audio/visual technician. After about fifteen years with Medtronic Robert retired.

In 1977 Robert met Rick Aurdahl and they became life partners. They made their home in Orono, MN. Following their retirements, they moved to Lake Vermillion for several years. In 1998, Robert and Rick moved to the Alexandria, MN area to be closer to Rick's family.

Robert loved music; he played the organ and the piano. He was a good singer and sang with the church choir in Orono. In his younger years he was a stamp collector. Later, Robert took painting with watercolors and created many beautiful pieces of art.

On Monday, October 4, 2021 Robert died at the age of eighty-eight years. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Leonard and John Anderson. Robert is survived by his life partner of forty-four years, Rick Aurdahl of Alexandria; one nephew, John Anderson and wife, Robyn; and nieces, Monica Stuart and husband, Kent, Mary McHugh and husband, Jim. Anne Fletcher and Lucille Gingras.

In Loving Memory



Robert J. Anderson

1933 ~ 2021

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full; I've savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

In Memory of

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July 28, 1933



October 4, 2021

Memorial Service

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota
Saturday, October 16, 2021
10 AM

Officiant

Reverend Wayne Erickson

Music

“Rock of Ages”
“How Great Thou Art”

