

OBITUARY OF PAUL C. ANDERSON - written by Paul C. Anderson

Paul C. Anderson was called to his Heavenly Home on November 22nd, 2022

Paul was born on the 23rd of February, 1927 in Pope County, Leven Township, MN to Roy Lee Anderson and Blanche (Mershon) Anderson. He graduated from Villard High School and went to Coos Bay, Oregon area where his father had purchased a dairy farm. He entered the military service in 1946, serving with the Army Security Agency near Kyoto, Japan.

In 1948 he met and married the love of his life, Velma Brede who he met through a dear friend Warren Linow. To this marriage he and Velma were blessed with 2 children. Sandra in 1950 and Daniel in 1952. Paul spent most of his working years with Sears, first as a store manager and then as an Allstate Insurance Senior Account Agent, retiring in 1989. After he retired Paul went to work with Billmarks Lakes Area Insurance Co. Not one to sit still, Paul was active in local politics, serving as clerk/treasurer of Alexandria Township for 15 years. Paul was elected to the position of Douglas County Commissioner in 1992 and served in that position until 1996 when he and Velma decided it was time to spend winters in the sunny south. In 2002 Paul missed his association with the public and decided to enter the political field again and was elected to the Douglas County Board. In addition to the county board position he served as the chair of District 4 of the Minnesota Counties Steering Committee for National Association of Counties. Paul was a charter member of the Douglas County Sheriff's Posse, held many positions in the Jaycees including National Director. He was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of America and first and foremost a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. He often said how fortunate he was to be raised in a God centered home. He was baptized in Lake Amelia at Villard and ever since has lived his life centered around his spiritual beliefs.

Paul is survived by his wife 74 years and soulmate, Velma Anderson; Son Daniel, and his wife Rose of Ellenton, Florida; Son-in-law Richard Buttshaw, Brother David and his wife Dianne of Scottsdale, AZ; 3 Granddaughters, Toni Fogarty and her husband Dave of Belle Plaine, MN; Debbi Walberg and her husband Troy of Otsego, MN; Janasha Anderson of Yuma AZ; One Grandson, Jason of Chicago IL, 10 great grandchildren; Patrick Fogarty, Courtney and Jazz Hampton, Richard Fogarty and Krista Peltonen, Madison Albrecht and Garrett Palmstein, Breanna Walberg, Isaiah, Michael and Noah Jones, Emily, Christopher, Fitz, Molly, and Daisy Petersen; Five great-great-grandchildren Penelope, Hendricks, and Malcom Hampton, and Nolan and Layla Palmstein.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Sandra, Sister Jeanne and her husband Lloyd.

Services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church on November 28, 2022 at 10:30am with a visitation prior to the service, at 9:30am.

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

In Memory of **Paul C. Anderson**

February 23, 1927



November 22, 2022



Memorial Service

Zion Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota

Monday, November 28, 2022

10:30 AM

Officiants

Pastor Paul Dare
Pastor Terry Finnern

Musicians

Sara Severson
Pastor Don Wilke
Laurie Krueger

Honorary Urn Bearers

Paul's grandchildren, great-grandchildren
and great-great grandchildren

Military Honors

American Legion Post #87
VFW Post #936
VVA Post Rifle Squad #235
Army National Guard

Inurnment

Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, MN