

In Loving Memory

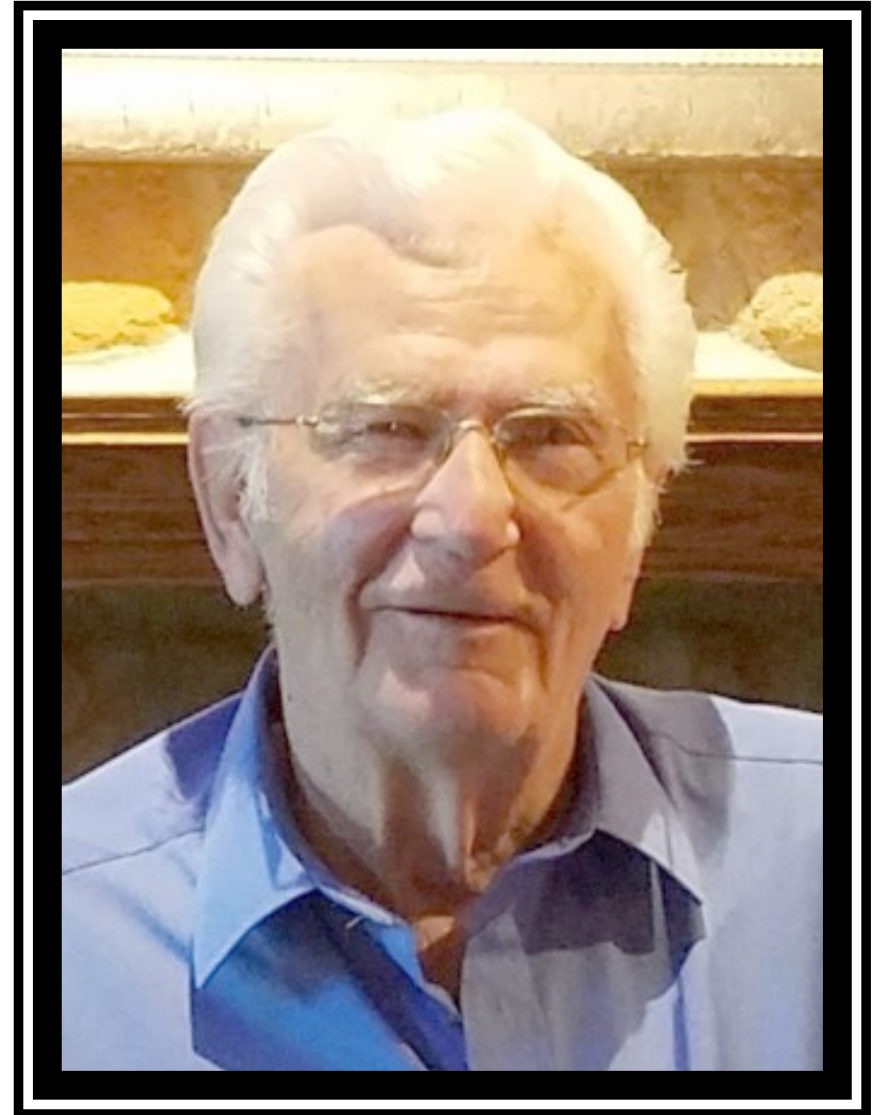
Raymond Henry Anderson (90), son of Alfred and Clara (Schulke) Anderson, was born in rural Carlos Township, July 10, 1931, the third of four children. He was baptized and confirmed at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria. He grew up on a farm in southwest Miltona Township, near the Minnesota Club, and he graduated in 1949 from Central High in Alexandria. He honorably served in the US Navy from 1950 -1954 during the Korean War aboard a destroyer named the USS Beatty. During a visit home on leave, he met and later married Bonnie Moske in June 1956. They made their home on 84th Street in Kenosha Wisconsin where Raymond worked thirty years for the American Brass as a metal finisher. He earned a degree in 1972 at Gateway Technical Institute in machine tooling. Three children were born and raised in Kenosha, and the family were members of St. Mary's Lutheran Church during that time.

In 1965 a two-room cabin was moved onto land on the north end of Lake Ida in Douglas County Minnesota. This land was part of his family's homestead since 1876, it being passed down by his Uncle Ted Anderson. Together with Bonnie, they made regular visits and vacations to the cabin enjoying a little piece of paradise. In 1983, he retired and moved back to Minnesota, turning the cabin into their home. He eventually began working part-time at KSAX TV in maintenance, along with being a chauffeur for Bonnie, driving her to and from her job as a baker at Knute Nelson Home. He did so enjoy lake life and being back in his boyhood home.

Raymond and Bonnie were longtime members of Calvary Lutheran Church, but recently became members of Shalom Lutheran Church. In October 2019 Raymond moved to Bethany on the Lake where he received great care as he gradually succumbed to the impacts of dementia.

Raymond is survived by his wife of 65 years, Bonnie of Alexandria; three children: Pamela Anderson (friend Blake Kilmer) of Racine, WI; Ricky (friend Chris Chodoronek) of Alexandria MN; and Gregory (Sheila) Anderson of Alexandria; five grandchildren: Heather (Matt) Hilgart, Joey (Lisa) Morelli, Grant (Kellian) Anderson, Jared Anderson (friend Lauren Lucas), and Landon Anderson. He also has three great-grandchildren Abree, Max, and Rowan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Clara; brother Gordon, sisters Alpha (Kluver), and LaJune (Wollin).



Raymond Henry Anderson
1931 ~ 2022

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the 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 savoured 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 heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*



In Memory of

Raymond Henry Anderson

July 10, 1931



April 18, 2022

Celebration of Life

Shalom Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Monday, April 25, 2022
11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend David Fleener

Scripture Reading

Heather Hilgart

Organist

Ruth Blom

Soloist

Emily Erickson

Obituary

Grant Anderson

Eulogy

Greg Anderson

Special Songs

“Shepherd Me, O God”
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
“Borning Cry”
“Softly and Tenderly”

Casket Bearers

Blake Kilmer
Ken Schulke
Dale Wollin

Larry Moske
Matt Hilgart
Mark Maloney

*Raymond's entire family would like to thank you
for your prayers and for joining us today
to share in the celebration of his life.*