

**William Jay "Rock" Anderson**, the son of Theodore and Dorothy Anderson, was born on July 3, 1922, in Wadena, MN. Rock graduated from Wadena High School and continued his education at Carlton College. He enlisted into the United States Air Force for three years during WWII. After the war, he completed his college degree at Carlton College and then received his teaching certificate from the University of Minnesota.

Rock married Mary Lou Fallon on December 27, 1949, in St. Paul, MN. Together they lived in Sebeka, MN where Rock taught history and coached at the high school. In 1953, Rock and his family moved to Alexandria where he owned and operated W.J. Anderson Feed & Seed for 20 years. He later became the Douglas County Auditor and retired in the early 90's.

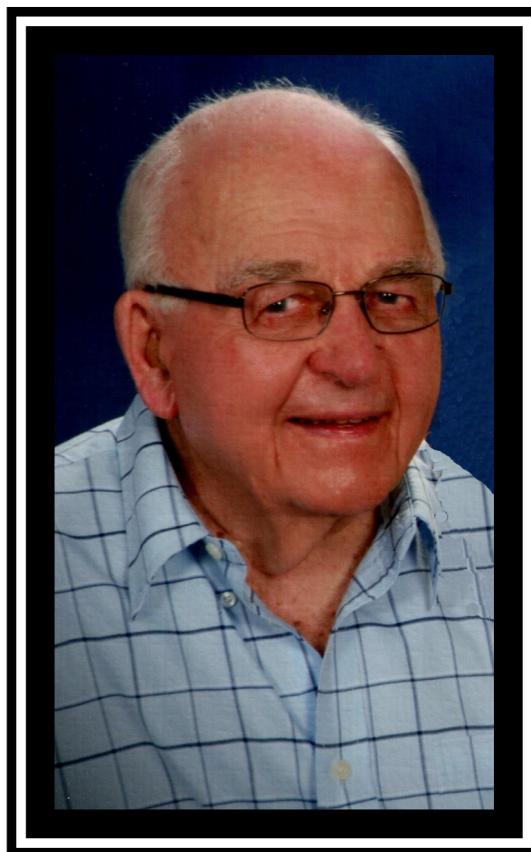
Rock kept involved in the Alexandria community by volunteering as a fireman for 22 years, he sat on the City Council of Alexandria and was proud of 50 years of perfect attendance in Rotary. He was a member of the Alexandria Golf Club for over 50 years, loved to play golf, followed all Minnesota sports teams, and attended daily Mass.

Rock always thought of others first and in 1975, he donated his kidney to his daughter Nancy. She was able to live a wonderful life because of his gift. He will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved him.

William J. "Rock" Anderson, age 99, of Alexandria, died on Friday, August 13, 2021, at his home in Nelson Gables in Alexandria. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 72 years, Mary Lou Anderson of Alexandria; son, William J. (Bill) Anderson Jr. of Bloomington; daughter, Carole Anderson of Alexandria; two grandchildren, Adam Lee and Jamie Weflen; four great grandchildren, Kyndra Lee, Jacob Lee, Gavin Lee, and Asher Weflen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Nancy Lee, and his sister Betty Beach.

## In Loving Memory



*William J. "Rock" Anderson*  
1922-2021

### **Footprints In The Sand**

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way.

But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

*In Memory of*

**William J. "Rock" Anderson**

July 3, 1922



August 13, 2021

**Parish Prayer Service**

Monday, August 16, 2021 5:00 PM

**Mass of Christian Burial**

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota

**Officiant**

Father Matthew Kuhn

**Casket Bearers**

Bill Anderson

Adam Lee

Gavin Lee

Jacob Lee

**Entombment**

St. Mary's Mausoleum Cemetery  
Alexandria, Minnesota