



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Russell W. Anderson

AUGUST 26, 1934 – JANUARY 28, 2023

If these walls could talk,
They would speak of a man
Who has worked with *great heart*
To accomplish his plan.

They'd speak of the times
That he's prayed in the night
For the strength to go on
And to **DO WHAT IS RIGHT**

They'd speak of sweet moments,
Of laughter and fun,
The times with his children,
His *love* for each one.

Oh, if they could talk,
It would be just the start
Of a story of love,
A GREAT MAN & HIS HEART

Services At:

First Lutheran Church - Morris, Minnesota
Saturday - February 4, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:
Reverend Dan Belgum

Pianist:
Deb Mahoney

Reader:
Steve Conrad

Family Remembrances:
Mark Conrad & Steve Conrad

Pallbearers:
Mark Conrad, Steve Conrad, Derek Anderson
Aidan Schmidgall, Jason Doty, Ian Schmidgall
Brian Anderson, Chris Anderson

Interment:
Rose Hill Cemetery
Holmes City, Minnesota

Russell Walter Anderson was born to Walter and Helen (Hjelm) Anderson on August 26, 1934 in Starbuck, Minnesota. He attended Ashby Public School, graduating in 1952. During high school, Russ played football and basketball and participated in bowling.

After graduation, Russell attended school at New Paltz Teachers College in New York. While in college, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served as a radar technician and supervisor until 1957. From 1958 until 1968 Russell taught in Stewart, Minnesota until moving to Morris, where he taught until his retirement in 1998.

While teaching, Russell made life-long friends. He enjoyed spending time with his companions and family around the campfire, especially at his cabin on Moose Lake. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golfing. Russell was a wonderful father who always made sure his children were cared and provided for. He enjoyed cooking with Chris and sharing family meals together, especially on special occasions that called for shrimp.

In his later years, one would be likely to find Russ playing solitaire, crossword puzzles, and sudoku, or watching the Minnesota Twins. He was meticulous and loved his routines. Anyone who knew him well will recall his attention to detail while mowing the lawn and snow blowing, and will be quick to tell you some of his energy-saving tricks.

Russell passed away at Stevens Community Medical Center on January 28, 2023; he was 88 years old.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Brian Anderson (DeEtte Harris) of Nerstrand, Chris Anderson of Morris, Kelli Jo (Jason) Doty of New London; grandchildren: Derek Anderson, Kara Schmidgall, Ian Schmidgall, and Aidan Schmidgall; great-grandson, Tywin Anderson; step-sister, Jan Bursten; ex-wife, Joanne Schubert Thun; as well as many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents; his son, Corey Anderson; grandson, Brandon Anderson; niece, Kim Kalina; brothers: Dennis Anderson and Brian Anderson; sisters: Dorothy (Loren) Waa, Marilyn (Don) Conrad; and step-brother, Roger Christensen.

