



James William Anderson

September 19, 1929 - October 2, 2019

Memorials to VFW #9844, Yutan Fire Dept or St. Peter's Church of Christ

James William Anderson was born on September 19, 1929 in Holdrege, Nebraska to Arthur and Charlotte (Spiedel) Anderson. He grew up in Holdrege where he attended grade school and graduated from Holdrege High School in 1947 as a proud Duster. Jim went on to attend college and work as a carpenter before enlisting in the United States Army in 1951. He served his country until February of 1953 including 11 months of overseas duty with the 74th Engineer Combat Battalion. After his hitch in the service, Jim returned to college to receive his degree in Business. As a young boy, Jim was a good swimmer and loved his Boston Terrier “Muggins” but his life-long passion would be baseball.

Jim married Virginia Peters on December 17, 1955 in Lincoln, Nebraska and they were blessed with two children: Carole and Steven. Jim and Virginia began their family in Crawfordsville, Indiana before moving to Yutan, Nebraska in 1962. After Virginia passed away in 1968, Jim became a single parent, raising both kids thru high school, always making time for their activities.

Jim married Thelma Wilson Norton on September 27, 1980 in Lincoln, Nebraska. They continued their lives in Yutan as a married couple for the next 39 years.

Jim worked for RR Donnelly Company in Chicago before going to work at the Bank of Yutan, rising to the office of President before his retirement in 1990. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan and a Husker football season ticket holder for decades. Jim was fond of crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles and was a lifelong student of the Korean War. As a proud Swede, his interest in genealogy took him on several trips to learn more about his heritage. He was modest, honest, civic minded and a man of great integrity. Jim was active as the Town Clerk, a volunteer fireman and served as the church treasurer for over 20 years. He was a life long member of VFW Post 9844 and American Legion Post 262. He was a founding member of KWVA Chapter 1. He was especially proud of his part in the creation of the Korean War Display at the SAC Museum.

After he retired, he became even more involved in his various activities, often commenting that he got more time off when he worked full time.

Jim enjoyed a hamburger fresh off the grill, a cold glass of milk and dinner out at Farmer Brown's with his family.

Jim passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at Life Care Center of Elkhorn, Nebraska at the age of 90 years and 13 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Lottie, wife Virginia, grandson Todd Newbern and sister Rosemary Waters. Jim is survived by his wife Thelma; children Carole Anderson of Yutan; Steven and Terri Anderson of Lincoln; Steve Norton of Rochester, MN and Vicki and Mark Hunzeker of Pittsburgh, PA; grandchildren Marc Newbern, Andrew Anderson, Megan Anderson, Christian Norton, Andrew Cody Norton, Katherine Norton, Kelsey Norton, Jacob Hunzeker and Megan Hunzeker; great grandchildren Adelia Paige Newbern, Zoe Norton and Henry Norton;

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT 4. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's United Church of Christ
4th & Oak
Yutan, NE 68073

Family will receive friends

OCT 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

OCT 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James William Anderson*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Thelma, Carol, Marc, and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Jim was a great man. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Tony and Vicki Brown*

Vicki Brown - October 04, 2019 at 01:02 PM



Thelma, Carol, Steve, Steve and Vicki. Jim will be missed. He was a special guy with an awesome sense of Humor. He served his community in so many ways for so many years.

Tammy Trost - October 04, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James William Anderson.*



October 04, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *To the family of Jim.
Jim was a nice man and fun.
Sorry for your loss.
Norma Vasek*

Norma Vasek - October 04, 2019 at 09:37 AM

LH

“ There were several times Jim would walk by our home and if I was outside he would always stop and visit. One fall I decided to hang small plastic pumpkins in the two trees near the street. He stopped, looked and walked around the trees and then stated, “Well I never have seen pumpkin trees before! I need some of those seeds”. We both had a good laugh after I explained the plastic pumpkins. He was a wonderful, friendly and kind man. My sympathies are with you Thelma and the family.

Linda Hinkle - October 03, 2019 at 11:32 PM

DR

“ Dear Thelma and family, Allen and I want to express our deepest sympathy to you all. We enjoyed being Jim’s neighbor for many years, I remember him always coming down here and checking out my garden and telling me his tomatoes were always better. When we bought our house from Donis Hancock years ago Jim came and told us the neighborhood had to vote to see if we could live here and we barely made it. I said to bad, we’re here, you have to put up with us. RIP Jim, you will be missed. Allen and Denise Rowell

Denise Rowell - October 03, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of James William Anderson.



October 03, 2019 at 08:30 PM

KW

“ Great uncle Jim! I am living in Jackson Hole, Wyoming now. My dad, your nephew, Dick Waters, still in Omaha, sent me your obituary. I always enjoyed visiting with you and hearing stories of growing up with my grandma, your sister, Rosemary. What a great and honorable life you lived! We always enjoyed visiting with you and your beautiful family. Rest easy, and say hi to Rosemary and Lottie for me. All my love and sympathy to your lovely family. God bless.



Kristen Waters

Kristen Waters - October 03, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of James William Anderson.



October 03, 2019 at 12:43 PM

JE

“ *When I worked for Irving Stange in his grocery store the bank of Yutan was across the street, Jim would holler over the street when I was sweeping the side walk "That was how he got his start!!! and the he always called me Gopher." Was always fun to see what he would say next. Sad that so many of the rocks of Yutan have left to be with God. My sympathies for the family.*

Joyce Egr - October 03, 2019 at 11:20 AM

SW

“ Thought and Prayers to the Family. Jim and Ginny lived next door to us when I was growing up. I will miss you Jim rest in peace.

Susan Whitmore - October 03, 2019 at 09:39 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of James William Anderson.



October 02, 2019 at 09:27 PM