



Raymond B. Anderson

November 13, 1930 - April 14, 2020

Raymond B. Anderson passed away on April 14, 2020, at the age of 89.

Ray was born in Mapleton, North Dakota, the son of Belwin and Florence Anderson. He was raised in a farming community and grew up helping his dad with the farm work. After graduating from high school, he joined the air force. While home from basic training he met Rose at a roller-skating rink in Glenwood, Minnesota. They fell in love and when he was discharged, they were married. Together they recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on April 12, 2020.

When Ray was in the service, he was a flight engineer on a C54 aircraft. His carrier squadron was assigned to Korea, during the war of the same name. He bravely served the country by supporting his team as they were flying troops in and the wounded out. He received an honorable discharge in 1952.

Ray began his civilian career working as an ad manager for a grocery company in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1971 he moved the family to Vancouver, Washington. Once settled, he began working for Fred Meyer in the advertising department. After leaving Fred Meyer, he went to work at United Grocers Cash and Carry. He gave them 20 years of service without ever calling in sick even once.

Ray and Rose were active in the Elks, VFW, Eagles, and their polka dance club. Retirement years were spent traveling in the RV, fishing trips, and cruises.

He will always be remembered for his quick wit and his love for his country.

He leaves behind his wife Rose, daughters Lori and Sandy. Four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a granddaughter.

Celebration of life service will be held as soon as the country gets back to normal.

In lieu of flowers please donate to;
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c/o Community Relations
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Longview, WA 98632

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 05:49 PM



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SA

“ I miss you so very much Daddy! I don't go by a day without thinking of something I need to tell you and then get sad cause can't see you. I miss your hugs! I am glad that you are in peace and no more pain. Love you more than ever and miss you!!! Sandy

Sandy - April 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ May this tree grow and live on in your memory. With Love, Rose

Tribute Store - April 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ We experienced many years of serious times, fun times, dancing, bowling, picnics and travels. Ray was the best!

Doug & Carol Neth - April 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Thank you Lynn. I know that they thought a lot of each other. Also know that your dad is going to miss him so much. I will keep in touch with both your mom and dad. They are special friends.

Rose Anderson - May 06, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am so sorry. I know your hearts are breaking. He and my dad were like teenagers going to DC, big smiles and tales of long ago. I am thankful he came into my parents lives, he is treasured. My thoughts and prayers remain with you all, Love Lynn

Lynn Hissmsan - May 05, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ May you Rest In Peace Ray 🙏 Asia will certainly miss laying across your feet during Rose's nail appoinment. Until we see you again..❤️

Alondra McDowell - April 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Words can not express how I feel. You were the love of my life for 67 years. So many wonderful memories of a life well lived. I miss you so very much but know that God will take care of you. May you rest in peace. Love you always and forever. Your loving wife, Rose

Rose Anderson - April 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I met Ray at one of the first events of the Vancouver KWVA. The four of us (Ray, Rose, Lola and I) sat together at the first KWVA event, hit it off from the start and became fast friends. Ray and I were fortunate enough to be invited on the Washington DC Veteran's Honor Flight. Together we visited all memorials in DC including the Korean Veteran's memorial, had lots of laughs and a great time making wonderful memories. The four of us have enjoyed coffee and goodies and lunch every month for quite some time. Ray was an exceptionally fine man, my last good male friend. He had a great sense of humor. He will be deeply missed. Our love and sympathy go out to you, Rose, and your family. We are always here if you need anything. Much love, Carl and Lola

Carl Hissman - April 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Picture brought back lots of good memories. Thanks, Rose

Rose Anderson - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I will always remember Uncle Ray and his laugh. Quick to tell a joke and very impressive on the dance floor! Thank you Ray for all you did for us and may you forever rest in peace. Love you. Randy & Robin.

Randy & Robin Morrison - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Thanks Brianna, you did a good job picking out pictures for us.
Grandma

Rose Anderson - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Thanks Tim, he really had a good time on that trip. Rose

Rose Anderson - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Wonderful pictures, Brianna. I've never seen these. Thanks!

Randy & Robin Morrison - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Darby; These were the good old days! So much fun. Thanks for sharing. Rose

Rose Anderson - April 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We met Ray and Rose a few years ago at church. They became instant friends and they have a special place in our heart. Ray was a joy to be around. He had a wonderful sense of humor and quick wit. We will always remember them getting up and dancing at church . They were so cute together. Ray also always looked forward to his fishing trips. With love and prayers to you Rose and your dear family. Ron and Jane Hall

Jane & Ron Hall - April 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Here are more photos. ❤️

Brianna Kienitz - April 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FT

“ Ray was a gentle, sweet man who cared about everyone he had contact with. I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all.

Frances Turner - April 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I always remember Ray as a happy guy. Never to grumbly. He was a great father to Lori and Sandra. He was a great grandfather for Brianna and Chelsie. I went to Seward Alaska fishing with Charlie, Luke, Ray and myself. I remember he had a great time. He will be missed. Rest easy boss.

Tim kienitz - April 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ When Ray and Rose moved from Minnesota to Peoria Illinois they bought a home directly across the street from our house (George & Gloria Milaccio) in Rolling Acres subdivision. A perfect match as we were transplanted from Wisconsin a few years earlier. My next door neighbor was a native Peorian and our three families formed the perfect triangle that produced lively poker games, cook outs, block parties plus spontaneous driveway discussions. We all loved Ray.
George E. Milaccio - Box 28 - South Pekin, Il. 61564

George E Milaccio - April 19, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ He talked about you often. You guys were the true definition of good, long lasting friendships! Ray's daughter, Lori

Lori Nordgaard - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ HA Ha... While on fishing trips, He would give us a 2 minute warning and jump in bed!

Darby Morrison - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Bill and I got to know Ray because of Rose and my shared business in insurance. Many laughs at those functions especially when we has the Wa State convention here in Vancouver. Ra always had a good story to tell, and then we reconnected through VLOT at the Battleground Methodist Church. Bill was reminiscing about the time Ray, George and Bill wore the early day Jantzen swimwear for a fashion show for a NAIW function at the Marshall House. Fun times. Rest in Peace, Ray in the arms of your heavenly Father. Peace to your Rose and Family. Love, LaVonne and Bill Maltby



LaVonne Maltby - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ I always remember how much he liked to drink his black coffee and eat oreos. He always put a smile on my face. Love and miss you grandpa ♡

Chelsie kienitz - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Ray & I were 2 of the 8 Villard, MN 1949 graduating class. He was the athlete & I was the last one chosen for all sporting events. As farm kids we learned the value of work. He relocated to WA while I to CA, staying in touch over the years. Our love to Rose and the family as we celebrate his life. May he truly Rest In Peace. Marv Patrick

Marv Patrick - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ So very sorry to hear this. I didn't know Ray real good, but did know Rose as we grew up together. I know with all the suffering that he went through he is in a much better place and no more pain. I will be praying for you Rose and the whole family. Loretta

Loretta Alley - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ So many funny dad stories! He bought a new watch, and one day he wore the old watch along with the new watch. He told us one was for coming and one for going. Throughout the years, the dr performed several dementia tests with dad and one makes me laugh. After the dr read a paragraph, one of the questions asked was what was the woman's profession. My dad says "she must've been a hooker". Not even close to the correct answer! During the ride home, dad says "I can't believe they let that guy be a dr, he can't remember anything". Another dementia test was about spending money buying a tricycle and apples. The question was how much money was spent. My dad kept insisting he wouldn't buy a tricycle! I will miss dad's quick wit! Love you dad! Rest In Peace and behave yourself! Jenni will show you around.

Lori Nordgaard - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Remembering Ray with smiles and sadness. We had so many good times bowling, dancing, dinners, and parties along with traveling to polka fests, with so much laughter, telling jokes and doing Tequila Poppers. There were many good times at the Gateway Elks dancing to Ray's favorite song, "The Walk of life." Even though our eyes are full of tears, our hearts are full of joy with so many memories of being with Ray. We've been friends for a long time. Rose, our thoughts are also with you. You will be our special friend forever.

Doug & Carol Neth - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Ray was a wonderful friend of my Mum and Dad (John and Erma Perko) for many , many years of sharing meals, dancing and drinks at the Legions club and oh so many fun trips south to get away from the cold northwest winters. Ray had a lovely calming spirit and effect on my Dad and I know both my parents loved the many infectious times of laughter playing cards with their many friends along with b-b-q meals and blended margaritas to celebrate anything! It has always been a special time visiting with Ray and Rose as it has brought back precious memories of their times they shared with them. Bless you Ray. Xo Jan Perko-Lepp

Jan Perko/Lepp - April 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I didn't have the pleasure of knowing your Dad but I can tell by the way he raised his daughter that he was a great man, a gentleman and was very kind. Saying prayers for you, your sweet Mother and your family 🙏🙏 Jan Merryman

Jan Merryman - April 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ Raymond B. Anderson

Funeral Home Owner - April 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Dad snored a lot and while in the service, paid the price one night. His fellow soldiers moved his bunk, with him in it, outside. He woke up outside the next morning. Lori

Lori Nordgaard - April 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM