



Richard "Dick" Kenneth Anderson

December 22, 1944 - August 7, 2025

Richard Kenneth Anderson, born Dec 22, 1944, left his earthly body behind on August 7, 2025, after giving it his all, with congestive heart failure. His final hours were spent at Sioux Falls VA Hospice Cottage. Better known as Dick, we all laughed with this man. Whether it be sarcastically or in jest, he had the gift of laughter with him always. To know Dick was to have laughed with him. His fun-loving, generous nature was welcoming to all the nieces and nephews to whom he was their Favorite Uncle Dick. He was present for his Celebrations of Life which were held April 26th and May 10th. Any Memorials can be made in Dick's name to his favorite places: the Pearson Lakes Art Center and the Kiwanis Club of Milford. The Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritalakefuneralhome.com

Born to Kenneth and Elsie Anderson (Swanson), Dick grew up on a farm west of Sherburn, MN with 2 sisters and 2 brothers. Upon high school graduation, Dick went on to St. Cloud State, was a surveyor for the building of I-90 and was drafted into the Army. He was stationed in Germany, where he discovered skiing and his career path, electricity. Upon his honorable discharge, he found his way back to Minnesota where he met Judy, his soon-to-be wife of 55 years. On Dec 27, 1969, Dick and Judy were married in spite of a good 'ole Midwestern blizzard where wind and snow drifts were the uninvited guests. For the few guests that were able to attend, those stories have been

exchanged for years.

While living in Savage, MN, Dick and Judy welcomed their first-born daughter, Allison. 2 years later, Dick accepted a lineman position in Milford which moved them closer to their families in southern Minnesota and introduced them to their beloved Okoboji. Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative became his career for the next 36 years. Up until the end, many of these coworkers were some of his oldest friends.

In 1973, Dick and Judy helped build their first home from the ground up. Upon completion of the home, Lindsey joined the family. In the years that followed, they designed and landscaped the 1.7-acre plot, transforming it into an oasis of greenery and gardens for the girls to grow up in and eat fresh vegetables. From a 14-foot tall, father and friend-built custom swing set and monkey bars, to a life-sized teepee where the campfires burned for many. Dick used his ingenuity to make designs for both work and home.

Dick and Judy not only were busy at the Homefront, but they were also very active in their lives outside the home. Enjoy the alphabetized list that they lived:

Anything involving his grandkids, Anders and Basil Biking & RAGBRAI adventures Camping, Coaching little league softball, Cross-country skiing Down-Hill tubing Eating Fishing, Frisbee and Family, Family and Family Grilling, Golf and more golf and years of better golf Hugging Impatience (waiting for 3 girls to get ready) Joking Kiwanis Club of Milford Laughing Mowing and music No gravel roads On-call for ILEC Power Outages Playing cards and Poker Quality husband, father, brother, cousin and Grampy Receiving massages Skiing, Singing, Softball Tent Master at the Milford Kiwanis, Travel Uncle Volleyball Wallyball XXOO Yardwork Zoos (Lemurs and talking to the Kookaburra)

Dick and Judy were able to travel the world as well. Several trips to Europe with Spain, Switzerland and Portugal being his favorites. New Zealand was a highlight in 1999. They also traveled through the United States. They chose Gulf Shores, Alabama as their favorite winter destination in 2011. They were Martinique snowbirds on the dunes of Fort Morgan Road. Along with the friendships created over the 13-year stretch, rounds of golf were played, oysters were shucked, and shrimp were peeled. Dad loved to sit on a pail oceanside to fish, while listening to and watching the ocean waves. These were peaceful years.

Dick Anderson is preceded in death by his parents Kenneth and Elsie Anderson, his younger brother Kevin, his mother and father-in-law Arnold and Irene Daleske, his brother-in-laws, Donald and Duane. He is survived by his wife Judy Mae, his daughters Allison and Lindsey (John), his grandsons, Anders and Basil Rosendahl, his sister Barb (John) and her kids, his brother Kent (Susie) and their kids, his sister Mary (Norm) and their kids, his sister-in-law Dona and her kids, and his sister-in-law Shirley (Merle) and their kids.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Judy, We have just heard about Dick. We know we aren't the only ones that were surprised to hear. You two have crossed our minds several times over the last year. We definitely missed you at the coffee socials and activities. As another winter season comes to us, you will be on our minds and in our hearts. You are missed here at Martinique. Each of us send you thoughts of comfort and healing.*
- Martinique on the Gulf Team

Martinique on the Gulf - September 05, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Dick" Kenneth Anderson.*

August 18, 2025 at 04:18 PM

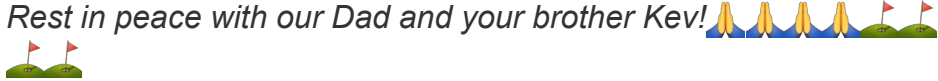
TB

“ *Dick and I along with Pat Carr were responsible for cooking sweet corn for the okoboji yacht club each year. Dick along with his iPhone, had the cooking time down to the second. The acorn that we cooked each year was perfectly done and without exception the best Korn you could have.*
Dick was a great guy and will be greatly missed.
Tom Batcheller

Tom Batcheller - August 17, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Our Uncle Dick! You have always been a special person to all of us! The memories spent on the golf course and family get together will always be in our hearts! You and Judy had grown a beautiful family and one that should be proud and honored! We all are blessed to be able to be in your presence and celebrate all the amazing celebrations! We love you and your family so very much! Rest in peace with our Dad and your brother Kev!*



Kaleb Anderson - August 15, 2025 at 10:28 PM

RB

“ *Robert N Bonnie Boetel lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Kenneth Anderson*



Robert n Bonnie Boetel - August 15, 2025 at 01:25 PM

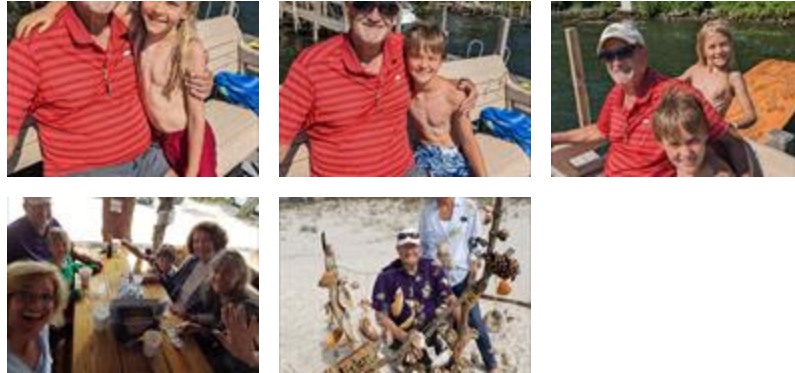
LT

“ *Judy and family! We were surprised and saddened by Dick's passing! His was a life well lived and he will be missed so very much! Deepest sympathy to you and your family! Linda and John Tirevold.*

Linda Tirevold - August 13, 2025 at 08:10 PM

AA

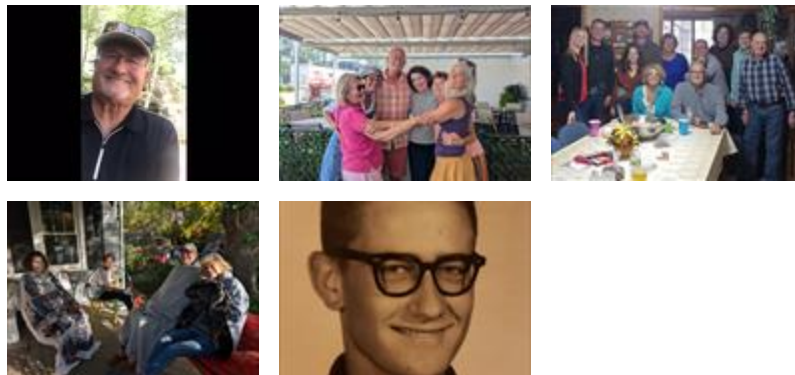
“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



ALLISON ANDERSON - August 13, 2025 at 12:55 PM

AA

“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



ALLISON ANDERSON - August 13, 2025 at 12:43 PM

MG

“ *I was very sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was a very special man! Please accept my sympathy..you will be my thoughts and prayers!!!*

Marlys (Sandersfeld) Grunst - August 13, 2025 at 10:28 AM

DG

“ Our Geise family; aunt Leota (Darald), cousins; Randy, Doug, David, and Greg lived in Pipestone, Mn. Near enough to make it to most of the Anderson related get togethers at the farms near Sherburn. The times together were fun. The farm animals, the farm equipment and occasionally playing softball in the open area of the farm yard.

Dick seemed to always have a smile. He was openly likable, approachable and would give his time to interact with everyone.

A great guy and a great family.

Even though my direct contact with Dick was quite limited, I have significant feelings about him when I see these pictures of him with his classic smile.

We have lost a special soul.

I am sure everyone who spent time with Dick is a better person because of it.

Doug Geise.

Douglas Geise - August 12, 2025 at 10:40 PM

AA

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



ALLISON ANDERSON - August 12, 2025 at 08:51 PM

SC

“ Ron and I are so saddened to hear of Dick’s passing. I know he struggled for some time with heart issues. He was a kind and gentle man, especially when we played walleyball. He would never spike the ball at me just to get points. I appreciated it! We will miss him. Special prayers for you Judy as you navigate through the next few months.

Sharon Crowley - August 12, 2025 at 05:57 PM

TY

“ Judy,
So sorry learn of Dick's passing. We will always remember his great personality and humor. He certainly loved his life with you and the girls. He will be missed by friends and the many events you and he attended. Our prayers go out to you and family.
Terry & Janice Yarns

Terry B. Yarns - August 12, 2025 at 05:34 PM

AB

“ Archie Barriage lit a candle in memory of
Richard "Dick" Kenneth Anderson



Archie Barriage - August 12, 2025 at 03:43 PM

AB

So very sorry to hear about Dick, we pray Gods love holds you in this time of grief. 🙏

Archie Barriage - August 12, 2025 at 03:50 PM

DC

“ So Sorry for your loss! 🙏

Dennis & Llinda Carlson - August 12, 2025 at 07:02 AM

CA

“ Colleen Anderson lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Kenneth Anderson



Colleen Anderson - August 11, 2025 at 05:23 PM

BB

“ Judy and family,
I am praying for you during this difficult time. We had so many great times playing wallyball. I always enjoyed Dick's humor. Dick made a difference and will be missed by many.

Bill B. Boer - August 11, 2025 at 05:08 PM

RC

“ Dick selflessly contributed numerous hours as Milford Kiwanis Tent Master resulting in funds to support Dickinson County youth programs and needs as well as contributing to the Milford Kiwanis Youth Foundation, which insures funds to help children in the future. His leadership and friendship will be forever missed..

Rolf Carlson - August 11, 2025 at 03:46 PM

SS

“ Judy and family, we are so sorry to learn of Dick's passing. He was a great guy and will be missed by all who were lucky to know him. Sending our thoughts and prayers.

Sher and Blaine Strampe - August 11, 2025 at 03:24 PM

CI

“ Allison, Lindsey, and Judy I’m so very sorry for your loss. I remember sitting by the campfire and roasting hotdogs and making bread on a stick to use as a bun. Listening to ABBA on the record player in the living room. I envied your family and the love that filled your home, you were blessed to have Dick as your dad. Thinking of you all.

Cinnamon - August 11, 2025 at 02:59 PM

LJ

“ Larry Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Kenneth Anderson



Larry Mary Ann Jansen - August 11, 2025 at 01:32 PM

DO

“ My sympathy to Judy & family. May your fond memories be a comfort to you.

Diane O’Hern - August 11, 2025 at 01:07 PM

DT

“ Judy and Family: I was sorry to hear the news on Dick. May God hold you all in his Loving and TTender Arms as you continue your journey. Let the memories you have of Dick be the song in your hearts. God Bless. Sending my sincere Sympathy to you all.



Donna Tielbur - August 11, 2025 at 12:36 PM

SJ

“ *My sincere condolences! Long after I graduated high school I would continue to see Dick and Judy show up in the community and at the funerals of my loved ones. Dick was a true light in this world!*

Susan A Johnson - August 11, 2025 at 12:23 PM

SS

“ *Sue Schoning lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Kenneth Anderson*



Sue Schoning - August 11, 2025 at 12:10 PM

TE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Anderson family. Many memories were made at Business After 5. Ross and Terry Dirks*

Terry - August 11, 2025 at 11:55 AM

JK

“ *Judy, our sympathies to you and your family. Dick will be missed by many!*
Jane and Terry

jane kounkel - August 11, 2025 at 11:33 AM

SD

“ Our thoughts and prayers to you Judy and your family. We have so many memories together over the years..he was a true gem of a gentleman♪♪



Steve and Dianne - August 11, 2025 at 10:56 AM

BC

“ Prayers for Judy and the girls. Dick's welcoming smile will be greatly missed.
Bill & Jackie Carpenter

Bill & Jackie Carpenter - August 11, 2025 at 09:46 AM

SS

“ Many prayers for Judy and kids. I enjoyed working with Dick @ ILEC many years ago. Nice guy. May God's love bring you all comfort.



Sherry Shain - August 11, 2025 at 08:22 AM

KG

“ Good guy! We had many many times together @the camp. RIP Dick.

Kevin Godfredsen - August 11, 2025 at 08:14 AM

TG

“ Judy & family, my thoughts & prayers are with you.



Twyla Garnmeister - August 11, 2025 at 08:12 AM

JM

“ Will miss seeing that wonderfully tall, smiling couple out and about, always enjoying friends and adventures. Take care, Judy. Always a friend, Jan McD



Jan McDonald - August 10, 2025 at 08:18 PM

VB

“ Our sympathies to Judy and girls for your loss of Dick.



Vince and Linda Bronson - August 10, 2025 at 06:22 PM

KH

“ So sorry for your loss, we will miss Dick



Keith Hughes - August 10, 2025 at 09:13 AM

BE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob and Mary Emgarten*



Bob and Mary Emgarten - August 10, 2025 at 07:38 AM

DP

“ *Darlene Powers lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Kenneth Anderson*



Darlene Powers - August 10, 2025 at 12:39 AM

LS

“ *What a nice, tall, handsome, gentleman who took good care of his wife and daughters... as well as the many patrons of ILEC, and sometimes storm victims in other areas! He will be missed!*

Bob and Lynn Swan

Lynn Swan - August 09, 2025 at 08:05 PM

LM

“ *Luann Mehan lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Kenneth Anderson*



Luann Mehan - August 09, 2025 at 06:07 PM

LM

My sympathy to Dick's family.

Luann Mehan - August 09, 2025 at 06:07 PM

SD

Our thoughts and prayers to you Judy and your family. We'll miss him so much. So many memories together..he was a gem 🙏🙏

Steve and Dianne - August 11, 2025 at 10:51 AM

MA

“ *Our thoughts are with you Judy & girls. with sympathy, Bruce & Marline*

Marline - August 09, 2025 at 04:11 PM

CB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for Judy and family. Dick was a wonderful man.*

Clarys & Mel Berryhill - August 09, 2025 at 02:47 PM

SM

Glad to have know Dick he was always willing to help others and a friend to everyone he met. Enjoyed seeing him at Emerald Hills, Church and through out our lakes community for many years. Wish Judy and family our best. Steve& Anna Moore

steve moore - August 10, 2025 at 11:15 PM



Sorry for your loss.

Sandra Dau - August 11, 2025 at 07:50 AM

DR

Our deepest sympathy Judy. We have so many fond memories of church, the art center, concerts, and seeing you both out and about the IGL community. Always a gentleman and a great guy. God bless you.

Dave & Kris Rowley - August 11, 2025 at 08:33 AM