



Donald Andersen

January 9, 1936 - October 7, 2014

Lt. Col. Donald E. "Ed" Andersen, age 78 died Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at Hospice of Charleston, Mount Pleasant, following an illness.

Mr. Andersen was born in Conway, a son of the late Oscar Donald and Lorraine Evans Andersen. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina and also received a Masters degree from University of South Carolina. Mr. Andersen served in the Marine Corp for 23 years, serving as a Marine Aviator for two tours in Vietnam. After retiring from the Marine Corps, he served as the Director of Mentor and also served as Executive Director of Shoreline Behavioral Services of Horry County until his retirement. Mr. Andersen was also a state constable. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Charleston, SC.

Surviving are: his wife of 56 years, Jacquelyn F. Andersen of Mt. Pleasant, SC; three sons, Donald E. Andersen, Jr and wife Pamela of Edisto Island, SC, John E. Andersen and wife Hope of Sanford, NC, and Michael F. Andersen and wife Kim of Mt. Pleasant, SC; 8 grandchildren, Jackie Andersen, Christopher Andersen, Andrew Andersen, Mary Andersen, John Eric Andersen and wife Kat, Jeremy Andersen and wife Cason, Jaden Andersen, and Dani Andersen; and 3 great grandchildren, Brody, Kylie, and Justin.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM Saturday, October 11, 2014 from Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Rev. David Butler officiating. Inurnment with Military Honors will follow in Lakeside Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 until 3:00 PM

Saturday.

The family will also receive friends in the Parish Hall of St. John's Lutheran Church, Charleston, SC from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 9, 2014.

Memorials may be sent to St. John's Lutheran Church, 5 Clifford Street, Charleston, SC 29401; or to Hospice of Charleston, 3350 Riverwood Pkwy., Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30339; or to Roper St. Francis Hospice, 1483 Tobias Gadson Blvd., Suite 208-A, Charleston, SC 29407; or to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation at www.mcsf.org.

Please sign the online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Jackie and family,

I just heard that Ed (Andy as we knew him) had passed. My wife and I share fond memories of our time with you and Andy during our time in VMA 533. It was great fun getting together again at the Charleston squadron reunion. I know Andy wanted to make the last Pensacola reunion held earlier this year. he was a great patriot and a fine friend.

*Charlie Block
Col USMC(ret)*

Charlie Block - December 26, 2014 at 04:53 PM

JH

“ *Dear Jackie & Family, I am saddened to learn of Ed's passing. He was one of the very few men I respected and admired. He was a dear friend for over half a century. John Tyler and I spoke of him recently. Little did we know! I pray for God to sustain you/yours in this loss. With love, Jim Hucks*

Jim Hucks - October 17, 2014 at 07:57 AM

PO

“ *Ed and Jackie were dear friends. We shared many good times with them and Ed will be sorely missed. We know in our hearts that Ed will always be there for Jackie and that his spirit will watch over us all. May he truly rest in peace and may his family find solace in a life well lived. Old soldiers never die...*

*Love,
Paul, Joan and Kris Olsen*

Paul Olsen - October 10, 2014 at 06:50 PM

CH

“ I've known Ed practically all my life. We were classmates at Conway Grammar and High Schools. We played football and baseball together. He played end on the football team and catcher on the baseball team, both demanding positions. In the Conway vs. Harding High game, Memorial Stadium, Charlotte, NC Ed's jaw was broken by a Harding offensive tackle rendering Ed a concussion for which he was hospitalized. I went to see Ed at Presbyterian Hospital, but no visitors were allowed. I thought about Ed all the while during the three plus hours bus ride back to Conway. Thankfully, he recovered well. In my opinion, Ed was at the top of his class in intelligence which is evidenced by his accomplishments in The Marine Corps. Ed will be sorely missed, but we are all blessed to have known him. My heartfelt sorrow and sympathy is extended to his fine family.

Bud Holbert

Conrad A. "Bud" Holbert - October 10, 2014 at 02:33 PM

MT

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Uncle Ed. I know these past years have been difficult. I hope all your favorite memories will help to soften these past dark days and bring you smiles along with the tears. We will be thinking of you during these tough times and praying for you. Love Always, Mary Tardy

Mary Tardy - October 09, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JJ

“ *My brother in-law, Ed Andersen, was a young Lt. in the USMC back when I was in middle school. As a youth, I admired his service as a Marine Officer and so established him as my role model. Ed and I both served in the USMC retiring after twenty years each and at the same rank. You could say that Ed was probably the greatest influence in my life for once a Marine always a Marine.*

John T. Foster, Jr. - October 09, 2014 at 02:08 PM

TH

“ *Tammy Howell lit a candle in memory of Donald Andersen*



Tammy Howell - October 09, 2014 at 08:53 AM

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My heart goes out to Mr. Ed's family. Hold tight to the memories you have and know that God will see you thru. Mr. Ed was one of a kind! He was a tough Marine when he needed to be and gentle as a lamb when he needed to. He had a heart of gold and I will always have a special place in my heart for him. He saw me thru some of the toughest times of my life and I will always love him for that. God bless you all. Love you.

Tammy Howell - October 09, 2014 at 09:06 AM

WU

“ *RIP Marine !!!!*
Semper Fi !!!!



Wayne Williams - USMC - October 08, 2014 at 03:51 PM