



Gene Anderson

December 2, 1935 - October 1, 2019

Mr. Gene Anderson, 83, husband of Geri E. Anderson, passed away Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Embrace Hospice House of Myrtle Beach following an extended illness.

Born December 2, 1935 in Conway he was the son of the late Levi Owen Anderson and the late Maude Jane Chestnut Anderson. Gene grew up in Conway and attended Conway High School and Coastal Carolina College. He earned his bachelor's degree with honors in English from Campbell University and a master's degree in higher education administration from Appalachian State University. He was a communications supervisor for four years in the U.S. Navy and held the same position from 1956 to 1960 in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Mr. Anderson became director for admissions at USC Coastal Carolina College in 1970. He developed a team-taught course called "The History of Horry County," which was popular in the community. As a member of the Horry County Higher Education Commission from 1989 to 1991, Mr. Anderson played a role in Coastal Carolina's breaking away from the University of South Carolina by making the motion to seek independence. He served on the first Board of Trustees of the newly-formed university; he was named trustee emeritus following his term. Mr. Anderson was named an honorary founder of Coastal Carolina University in 2009. For 27 years, Mr. Anderson was a restaurateur and owned Aunt Maude's Country Kitchen, Aunt Maude's Seafood and Beef and New Town Cafe. Active in civic affairs, he is a

former president of the Myrtle Beach Rotary Club and the Horry County Historical Society. He is a graduate of Leadership South Carolina. Other boards on which he served include the South Carolina Hall of Fame, S.C. Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, S.C. Baptist Courier newspaper, among others. Mr. Anderson has received commendations and honors from the Rotary International, the S.C. House of Representatives, American Cancer Society, S.C. March of Dimes, American Heart Association and Grand Stand Citizens for Life. Mr. Anderson was a founding member of the Myrtle Beach Community Church and a life-long member and former deacon of Ocean View Baptist Church.

Survivors include his loving wife of 57 years, Geri Elvis Anderson; his son, Greg Anderson and wife Joannie of Florida; his grandchildren, Michelle Hopper, Andrew Gregory Anderson (Kacie), and Lauren Hope Anderson; his great-grandson, Parker Owen Anderson; and his brother, William F. "Cudgie" Anderson. Gene was predeceased by his great-granddaughter, Kennedy Drew Anderson and seven brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00PM Friday, October 4, 2019 at Ocean View Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor Terry Scalzitti and Pastor Greg Anderson. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends in the Commons from 1:30PM-3:00PM.

Memorial donations may be made to Ocean View Baptist Church, 7300 N. Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

Please sign the online guest register at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Highway 544
Conway, SC 29526

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Ocean View Baptist Church
7300 N. Kings Highway
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Funeral Service

OCT 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

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7300 N. Kings Highway
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Tribute Wall

JN

“ Geri, Greg, Joni and children, I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Gene. I really enjoyed working for him at Aunt Maudes. He was so sweet and a joy to work for. My thoughts and prayers are with you all in the coming days! Mr. Gene is not suffering any more. Take comfort in that!!



Jeanine Brown Newbury - October 07, 2019 at 04:45 PM

DS

“ Geri and Family- Prayers to all of you. We know Gene suffered a long time with his illness. We use to love visiting him while he was at Brightwater. He loved telling us stories of yesteryear, and never complained about his pain or condition. He would always pray with us before we left. God Bless the family that he loved so much.

Diane DeVaughn Stokes - October 06, 2019 at 05:26 PM

DY

“ Thinking of you during this time Geri! I am honored to say I knew him.

Deborah Yarborough - October 05, 2019 at 06:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gene Anderson.



October 04, 2019 at 12:22 PM

DM

“ Our condolences to Geri Anderson and her family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all here in Virginia. Mr. Anderson is gone home to be with his Heavenly Father, but his family will cherish his memory forever. Love to all!
Wallace and Dolores McNeal
Richmond, Va.

Dolores McNeal - October 03, 2019 at 11:04 PM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Sailor !!!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps



Wayne Williams - USMC - October 03, 2019 at 01:56 PM

KM

“ Gene has held a special place in my heart for many years. Because of his encouragement I attended Campbell College and as they say, the rest is history! I will always love and miss him and am grateful for his Christian influence on my life.

Kaye Merrell - October 03, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. So sorry for your loss.
LeNell

LeNell Rabon - October 03, 2019 at 10:04 AM

EG

“ *Erich Anthony Godshall purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gene Anderson.*



Erich Anthony Godshall - October 03, 2019 at 09:26 AM

BS

“ *Betty Jean Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Gene Anderson*



Betty Jean Sanders - October 03, 2019 at 08:54 AM

BS

Geri, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Betty Jean Sanders - October 03, 2019 at 08:56 AM

JP

Hadn't seen him much in many years, but fondly remember him from earlier times and enjoyed hearing about his many accomplishments. He was always one of the 'good guys.' RIP

Jim Paul - October 03, 2019 at 04:26 PM

CS

Geri, so sorry for your loss. Prayers and thought with you and your family. I know you will miss him.

Catherine Nobles Sanders - October 07, 2019 at 12:28 PM