



Gary D. Anderson

June 24, 1942 - June 27, 2006

erson, Topeka, formerly of Alma, passed away June 27, 2006 at Stormont Vail Hospital, after combating several long and disabling illnesses. Mr. Anderson was 64, years old. Mr. Anderson was born on June 24, 1942, in Toledo, Ohio, being the second son of Mr. Norman N. Anderson and Edna M. (Welch) Anderson, moving to Alma, KS at the age of four years. His parents, Norman Anderson, and Edna Anderson Yantz preceded him in death in 1980 and 1985.

Mr. Anderson attended school in Alma, KS, graduating from Alma Public High School in 1960 while serving in the US Naval Reserves. He reenlisted in the Us Air Force, serving from Jan. 1961 to Jan. 1965, during Vietnam War, and was Honorably discharged. He married Sandy Sullivan, June 28, 1986 in Topeka, KS.

Mr. Anderson began a career in Law Enforcement, which began as a Special Agent in Chicago, IL., after which he moved to Topeka, KS where he served on the Topeka Police Department for eight years.

Mr. Anderson owned and operated several businesses in the Topeka area, including a private security company, an investigative agency, and along with his brother, owned and operated Apollo Skate Center and Joyland Park for a number of years.

Mr. Anderson also was head of security for numerous retail stores in the Topeka area, and also spent eight years with the Kansas Department of Corrections, until his disabling retirement in 1993.

Mr. Anderson was very active in various organizations, formerly belonging to the Moose Lodge, Optomist Club, and others. He was member of Christ the King Catholic Church, where he served as a Eucheristic Minister and Trainer, on the Parish Council, the Knights of Columbus Council, and remained active in other Church matters.

Mr. Anderson worked part time for the State of Kansas SRS in the Information technology Division from 1994 to 2000.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife, Sandra J. Anderson of the home; two sons, Bryan Patrick, Lee Summit, MO., and Daryn Shawn, Gardner, Kansas; three daughters, Melissa Franks, Merced, CA, Christine Lea Cevoli, Shawnee, KS, and Tammy Lynn Evans, Ottawa, KS, one stepson, Ray Sullivan, Topeka; thirteen grandchildren and three step-granddaughters. Also surviving is a brother, Norman Neale Anderson, Jr., Belvue, KS.

Family will greet friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and a parish rosary will be prayed at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2006 at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th st., Topeka, KS 66614. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, June 30, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Christ the King Catholic Church.

Tribute Wall



“ Gary D. Anderson

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Sandy
Your family is in our prayers.

Lisa and Richard Hockenberry - June 29, 2006 at 07:32 PM



“ Sandy and family, our hearts go out to you. May the Lord carry you through this rough time, and may your memories comfort you. We had enjoyed our times with you and Gary. If you need someone to talk to I would love to hear from you. You will always be my sister in law.... Love you dearly....

Charlie & Nellie Brockhoff - June 29, 2006 at 04:25 PM



“ Perhaps they are not the stars, but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy. ~Author Unknown

Sandy: Please know that you are and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Our sincere sympathy to all of you.

Chris, Shelly, Alex & Eric Sullivan

Chris & Shelly Sullivan - June 28, 2006 at 08:33 PM

JR

“ I have thought of Gary and his family many times of the past years. I often wondered about where Gary, Daryn and Neil have been. Many great times at the Apollo Skating Rink will always be remembered.

With sympathy at that your time of sorrow

Jodine Romano

Jodine Romano - June 28, 2006 at 07:28 PM

JH

“ Dear Family, I am so blessed to have had Gary in my life as my Brother! He was an "always will" be special with in my heart. I will treasuer the times we have had, I will always take care of his mama's and My dad's resting place, as we did this together. I can't come my daughter is expecting our grandchild very soon, but my thoughts and prayers are with you always. I loved him SO and I will keep all the wonderful letters/cards he has sent me over the years. Much Hugs and prayers to you all. Love, Joyce.. Please keep in touch with me.

Joyce Hayford(Yantz) - June 28, 2006 at 01:52 PM

SL

“ Sandy
Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. There will never be another Gary. He was truly one of a kind.

Sally Metzger Lesline - June 28, 2006 at 01:32 PM