



Merlin Rudolph "Red" Anderson

September 1, 1922 - February 9, 2013

Merlin Rudolph "Red" Anderson of Cadillac passed away Saturday afternoon, February 9, 2013 at the Lakeview in Cadillac. He was 90. Red was born September 1, 1922 in Battle Creek to Arthur E. and Sara A. (Lundin) Anderson.

Red graduated from Tustin High School and had lived in the area all his life. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the Army Air Corp. He had participated in CCC camps before WWII. Red was the manager of the Cadillac CO-OP for 23 years. He served on the school board as both a member as well as president. He was also involved in the Wexford County Zoning Commission as well as the Road Commission. He served on the Northern District Fair Board in various positions and was very involved in the parks and recreation in Wexford County; helping start up the Wexford Civic Arena. Red was very interested in logging history and had donated relics to the museum. Red felt strongly about the community and youth of the area. He enjoyed racing go carts. He was a life member of Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac and had served on the church board there.

On August 9, 1946 in Cadillac he married the former Ruth VanVieren and she preceded him in death on July 17, 1980. He later married the former Wilma (Rice) Fisher and she survives him along his children; John (Sue) Anderson of Cadillac, David (Cheri) Anderson of Coldwater, Paula Campbell of Cadillac

and Sandy (Tom) Duddles of Florida; Nine Grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; step children: Tom (Kathy) Fisher of Tustin and Mary (Clarence) Ruff of Albion; 5 step grandchildren; many step great grandchildren and sister in law Gloria Anderson of Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Ruth; two sisters, Shirley and Cleo Anderson; a brother, Melburn Anderson and son in law, Don Campbell.

Funeral services and full military honors will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 15, 2013 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Friends may meet the family Thursday at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac from 5-7 p.m. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Red. My dad, Richard Dykman, was good friends of Red, nearly grew up together. The Bible has comforted me when it says in Revelation 21:4 that death, pain, and mourning won't be anymore. Psalms 37:29 mentions living on earth forever. So one day we will have the opportunity to be with our resurrected loved ones on this earth forever. I look forward to seeing my dad again then too. Sincerely, Julie Duda (Dykman)

Julie Duda (Dykman) - July 29, 2016 at 02:42 PM

TM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Red was a good man and will be missed.

Tom & Bobbi Moomey - February 22, 2013 at 06:10 AM

DS

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SO SORRY TO HEAR RED HAS PASSED AWAY.”

Dave Swanson - February 15, 2013 at 01:59 PM

DD

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Prayers and love to all of you.

Deb Dahlstrom - February 14, 2013 at 10:44 AM

SB

“ John & Sue -
We offer our sincere condolences to you both on Red's passing. Our prayers are with you both.

Shari & Gary Bednarick - February 13, 2013 at 12:49 PM

PK

“ While it has been some time since leaving Cadillac, Red has always been with us.

I may not have thought it at the time, but meeting Red in 1978 certainly helped focus my career. He was "direct"

in his approach, but knew a great deal about many things and always had Wexford County in his best interest.

We became good friends and always worked well together, respecting each other and our families.

While sorry for not being close by all these years, I am grateful to Red for all he did for Kenda and I.

Thanks very much Red... Your friends Paul and Kenda Karas

Paul & Kenda Karas - February 13, 2013 at 08:58 AM

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“ WE ARE SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR OF ' RED' S' PASSING. OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

STAN AND CHARLENE SIDDALL - February 13, 2013 at 07:17 AM

SJ

“ So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sharen Jarlock - February 12, 2013 at 02:17 PM

CM

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with the family Sorry for your loss*

Carla(Doan) Moffit - February 12, 2013 at 10:00 AM