



Russell A. Anderson

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Russell A. Anderson, 88, peacefully passed away at home on Thursday, April 23, 2015 in Scandinavia, WI.

He was one of five sons of the late Alfred and Nora (Voie) Anderson, born on April 3, 1927 in Stetsonville, Wisconsin.

On September 9, 1950, Russell married Doris M. Thompson.

He began early his life-long passion of learning and hard work from his parents on the home farm in Scandinavia. He spoke proudly and often of being taught his more formal lessons in the one-room Elm Valley and Torgerson Schools before attending Scandinavia High School, graduating in 1945.

Russell was a man of ability and had many talents. After High School, Russell stayed home to assist his parents on their farm before following his three older brothers and enlisted in the United States Army, serving honorably until discharged in 1949.

After his discharge and before his marriage, he worked at the Scandinavia Creamery. In 1951 he purchased his own business and hauled milk for 6 years. In 1957 he sold his business and adventured with his wife and two small sons to the State of Washington, where he worked and lived for six months. Their time in Washington was brief due to the untimely death of a family member requiring Russell and Doris to return to Scandinavia to assume the responsibilities of operating Doris's parents' family farm on Elm Valley Road, Scandinavia. There they made their home, farmed, and raised their family.

In addition to farming full time, Russell could be relied upon to answer the call for assistance. He enjoyed utilizing his carpenter skills with the Johnson Construction Company and working as a part time rural carrier with the United States Postal Service, retiring at the age of 80.

In addition to his work and family, he made time to serve his community as a Trustee for the Town of Scandinavia, and Elder of the Scandinavia Lutheran Church



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as well as a volunteer Fire Fighter for the Scandinavia Fire Department. He also supported the Scandinavia Booster Club and the Scandinavia Viking Baseball Team. Russell is survived by his two children. Kent (Robin) Anderson and Kay (David L. Forsythe) Anderson, all of Scandinavia, and a daughter-in-law, Lori Anderson of Iola. Six Grandchildren: Sarah (Satish) Cherian, Exton, PA, Paul Anderson, Mantorville, MN, Michael Anderson, Manawa, WI, Amanda Anderson, Iola, WI, Kirsten Anderson, Eau Claire, WI and Andrea (Daniel) Jacobson, Eau Claire, WI , seven great-grandchildren, and Molly, his constant canine companion.

Russell was preceded in death by his wife, Doris M. Anderson and his son, Keith R. Anderson, his parents, and three brothers, Philip, Elwood (Red), and Alfred, Jr. His younger brother, Sidney, passed on April 23, 2015 in Minnesota.

Russell will be long remembered for his youthful spirit and love of life. He valued hard work, family, community, and friendships.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday April 30, 2015 at 11 A.M. at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca. Pastor Dale Wilson will officiate with burial to follow at the Scandinavia Lutheran Cemetery. A visitation will be held on Wednesday April 29, 2015 from 4 until 7 P.M. at the Holly Funeral Home and again on Thursday at the funeral home from 10 A.M. until the time of the service.



Events


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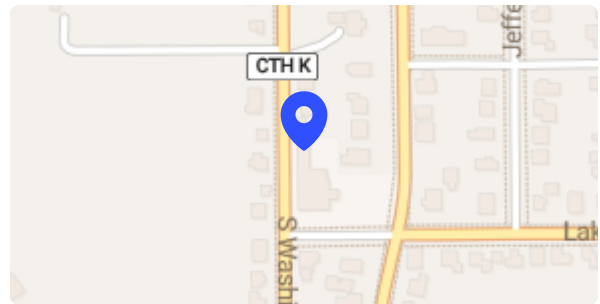
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Visitation


 **Wednesday**, April 29, 2015

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT


 **A. J. Holly & Sons (Waupaca)**
526 S. Main St, Waupaca WI 54981

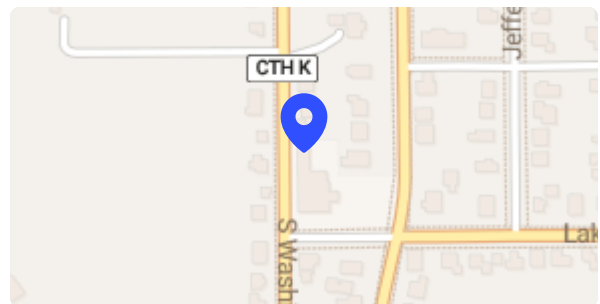


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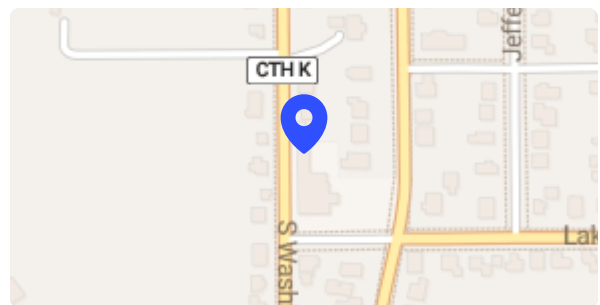


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Cemetery Details

 **Scandinavia Lutheran Cemetery**
N6540 County Road G, Scandinavia WI 54977



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Pam lit a candle in honor of Russell.

April 30 at 4:29 AM



Carl & Krystal lit a candle in honor of Russell.

April 29 at 10:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Anderson family.

April 29 at 6:41 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Anderson family.

April 27 at 5:35 PM



Lanna Luzar posted:

Sharing a memory of when I was a little girl...my Dad and I went to visit the farm. Somehow we went into the garage and I spotted the antique car with the rumble seat. For some reason I pictured myself and my future husband riding in that rumble seat at our wedding. Wouldn't you know I met the husband of my dreams and called Russell up and asked him if my wish could come true. Well Russell polished up that antique car and he and Doris escorted my husband Don and I from Scandinavia Lutheran to Grand Seasons in Waupaca. I remember we stopped and took Pictures at Brainards Bridge. I think Doris and Russell we're proud as punch to be our chauffeurs. Still have that wedding pic and will never forget Russell's smile.

April 27 at 2:48 PM



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Lanna posted:

Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. A memory I would like to share is when I was a little girl my Dad would take me to the farm and we got to play with Rudy the fawn, and for some reason I got in the garage and saw his antique car and said "One day when I get married me and my husband will ride in the rumble seat of the car after my wedding. When I finally met my man of my dreams I called up Russell and asked him if we could ride from Scandinavia Lutheran Church to Grand Seasons in his car for our Wedding Reception. Well Russell polished up that car and I got my wish. I think Doris and Russell had just as much fun escorting Don and I as we did in the rumble seat. I will treasure the Memory forever. Hugs!

April 27 at 12:08 PM



Jacci Vanderaa posted:

Several years ago, I went up to visit my sister Robin. I seen Russell plowing the field near the farm and never been on a tractor before, I asked Kent if he thought it would be ok if I went down to the field and jump on and take a ride with Russell. Kent took me down there and he waved his Dad over and I went for my first ride on a tractor! I hung out with Russell as he finished up plowing. It is a great memory.~Jacci Madison Vanderaa

April 27 at 6:39 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Russell by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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