



Rex William Anderson

November 28, 1936 - December 14, 2023

Rex William Anderson, 87, of New Castle, died Thursday evening, December 14, 2023, at Willows of New Castle.

He was born on November 28, 1936, in Worden, Illinois, the second son of the late Worden K. and Vera G. (Dorr) Anderson.

After graduating from High School in Worden, Rex enlisted in the US Army in 1955 and spent two years in Germany as a Morse Code Radio Operator. Upon release from active duty, Rex spent four years at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, graduating with a BA in Liberal Arts, Business, and English. Rex was then employed by Standard Oil for eight years and was also affiliated with Amoco Oil Co in Rolla, MO, as a field manager. While in that job he met and married Patti C. Greene on September 26, 1964, and two sons were born while in Rolla, MO, David in 1967 and John in 1970.

In 1975, Rex and Patti moved with their family to Brandon, FL, and worked for Exxon Oil Co. In 1982 they moved to Mt. Summit, IN, where they purchased the apple orchard, which they operated for 20 years as Anderson's Apple Orchard. Rex and Patti were active in the Indiana Horticultural Society and the First Presbyterian Church in New Castle. Rex enjoyed golf and built his own course at their home at St. Road 3 and 36. He and Patti enjoyed traveling with the Horticultural Society to New Zealand.

Those left to cherish Rex's memory include his loving wife of 59 years, Patti Anderson; two sons, David (Carrie) Anderson and John (Julia) Anderson, both of New Castle; two grandchildren, Kyle Carl Anderson of Indianapolis and Evan Thomas Anderson of Dayton, OH; a brother, Paul (Carolyn) Anderson of Mooresville; a sister, Karen Brauer of Tucson, AZ, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Rev. Katherine Rieder officiating. Contingents from the US Army, the American Legion, and the VFW will conduct military funeral honors at the beginning of the funeral. Burial will be held privately at Mt. Summit Cemetery.

Friends may call from 12:00 pm until the time of service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the First Presbyterian Church, 1202 Church Street, New Castle, IN, 47362, with envelopes available at the funeral home or a charity of your choice. You may offer the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rex William Anderson.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Summit Cemetery

Mt. Summit Cemetery
Prairie, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr.
New Castle, IN 47362

Funeral Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Patti and family.*

We extend to you our deepest love at this time of the passing of Rex.

You and Rex have been so kind and generous to us over so many years, it would be impossible to repay what you both gave to us.

Your visit to New Zealand opened a new door for us, and probably to you and Rex too

The Kiwi connection that was then born has stayed strong over many years and we have shared so much together.

We gratefully loved Rex. His for us quirky American humour and his true love of the land were rich qualities. His wide knowledge that he shared with us, not only during times we visited but also through countless letters were gratefully appreciated.

Our many visits to the Anderson's at Mt Summit were an absolute highlight in our lives, and we are so grateful to you and Rex for your hospitality and friendship.

Even tho' we live in another country thousands of kilometres from you we felt a part of your extended family.

May our living and loving God hold you close and give comfort at this time of parting.

With much love

Jill and Kevin from New Zealand.

Kevin and Jill Rose - December 19, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ 55 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sproles Family Funeral Home - December 19, 2023 at 09:07 AM



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



December 18, 2023 at 12:20 PM



“ Charles M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rex William Anderson.

Charles M. - December 18, 2023 at 12:12 PM

CB

“ *Patti and Family, we send our deepest condolences. We shared a common fence line with the orchard and I always had a tremendous respect for Rex. Some of my clearest memories are going out of our house during what I considered "inclement" weather; rain, snow or below freezing temperatures, and hearing a chainsaw running in the orchard. I knew that Rex was working to finish pruning the apple trees before spring. The orchard was always well kept and expertly managed. I could see that it was a work of love for Rex and not just another job. We will keep you in our prayers as you adjust to his absence. Chuck and Peg Bell.*

Charles Bell - December 18, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rex William Anderson.*



December 18, 2023 at 09:40 AM

GH

“ *Gary and Gail Holt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rex William Anderson.*

Gary and Gail Holt - December 17, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex William Anderson.*



December 17, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rex William Anderson.*



December 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Rex William Anderson.*



December 16, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rex William Anderson.*



December 16, 2023 at 12:49 PM

BF

“ *Bill & Shirley Jackson and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rex William Anderson.*



Bill & Shirley Jackson and Family - December 16, 2023 at 12:27 PM

KA

“ *Karen A. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rex William Anderson.*



Karen A. - December 15, 2023 at 05:20 PM