

Ron Anderson was a quiet, humble man who enjoyed the simple pleasures in life like his '65 Ford Mustang, the occasional trip to Deadwood to fill up on crab legs (and maybe fill his pockets, too), and a warm day on a quiet pond in the hills watching the bobber on his fishing rod do a little dance. He was a firm believer in always doing the right thing and understood that in order to get what you wanted, you worked your tail off for it. He was old school - and he wasn't scared to admit it. He loved giving people a hard time, hated technology, and could have cared less about what people thought (those who remember his red Ford Explorer understand completely). Even after being diagnosed with terminal cancer, he insisted on showing up and refused to let the world see anything other than the same old Ron.

If he didn't spend his evenings sorting through stacks of paperwork and bookkeeping for Foothills, he could be found with his feet up watching TV - flipping between Pawn Stars, Storage Wars (or some other A&E/History Channel reality show), or an old western movie. He loved dogs, spending some of his earlier adult years breeding Alaskan Malamutes, found peace in Spring and Summer gardening, and had a long history practicing and instructing others in the art of Tae Kwon Do (advancing up to a 4th degree black belt in his own discipline).

Ron had a deep love for coaching kids. After a few years of coaching his daughter's basketball/softball teams, he decided the basketball court suited him best and gave his efforts to the Piedmont Stallions/Junior Scoopers basketball leagues for many seasons. When he wasn't able to commit the necessary time to coaching teams full-on, he always agreed to help referee weekend games and tournaments. He's still known and remembered by kids and adults alike as "Coach Ron."

Both on and off the court, Ron found moments to "coach" others. His voice of reason and calm, patient demeanor, along with extensive life experience made it hard to argue with him - even though we still tried once in a while.

Ron adored his wife of 35 years, loved his 3 amazing kids, and found his purpose when he began caring for residents 30 years ago. Since then, he has touched an infinite number of lives through hundreds of avenues and across many miles, leaving some sort of quintessential "Ron-ism" memory in his wake.

He will be dearly missed and the impression he leaves behind will be felt for years to come.

Ronald "Ron" George Anderson, 69, died Friday, December 20, 2019, at his home in Piedmont.

He is survived by his wife, Kyeok; his children, Mike, Chris, and Tanya; and his brother, Tom.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Donald and Anna; his sister, Marge Brunmaier; and nephew, Casey.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and refreshments in the church hall following the memorial service, prior to the committal. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Ronald "Ron" George Anderson

April 17, 1950 ~ December 20, 2019



Miss Me - But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little - but not for long,
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the Love that we once shared,
Miss me - but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all a part of the Master's plan,
And a step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me - but let me go.

In Memory Of Ronald "Ron" George Anderson

Date of Birth

April 17, 1950
Germany

Date of Death

December 20, 2019
Piedmont, South Dakota

Memorial Service

Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.
Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church
Black Hawk, South Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Randy Sturzenbecker

Congregational Hymns

"Jesus Comes Today With Healing"
"God Moves In A Mysterious Way"

Memorial Video

"Lead Me Home"
"What A Wonderful World"
"From This Moment On"
"Goodbye"

Honorary Pallbearers

Michael Anderson Christopher Emry
Patrick Kahler Michael Kahler

Military Honors

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Black Hills National Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota