

In Loving Memory
Walter Lewis Anderson

April 27, 1943
Gettysburg, South Dakota

March 20, 2025
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The Best

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you
And whispered "Come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

PRAYER SERVICE:

7:00 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2025
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE:

10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025
United Methodist Church ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota

OFFICIATING: *Pastor David Otten*

CASKET BEARERS: "GRANDCHILDREN"

*Anthony Poeppel, Chelsey Cronin, Casey Anderson,
Amber Anderson, Graden Anderson, Adleigh Haala,
Paiton Smith, and Kennedy Smith*

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:

All of Walt's Many Friends

MUSICIAN:

Nancy Holzwarth

VOCALISTS:

Sarah Sue Tanner, Carma Wager, and Lisa Haberer

HYMNS:

*"The Upper Room" "Beautiful Savior"
"How Great Thou Art"*

BURIAL:

Gettysburg Cemetery ~ Gettysburg, South Dakota



Gettysburg, South Dakota
www.familyfuneralhome.net

Walter L. Anderson, 81, of Gettysburg passed away Thursday, March 20, 2025, at Avera Oahe Manor, Gettysburg surrounded by his family.

Walter Lewis Anderson was born April 27, 1943, in Gettysburg, SD, to William B. and Mildred H. (Huyck) Anderson. He grew up in Lebanon and attended Hoven High School. After high school, he worked for area farmers before moving to Pierre, where he contributed to the construction of the Oahe Dam and the Federal Building.

On August 1, 1964, Walter married the love of his life, Carol Liebig. Together, they built a life in Gettysburg, where they raised their four children. Walt dedicated over 40 years of service to the Potter County Highway Department before retiring in 2006.

Walt was a lifetime member of the Lutheran Church, where he faithfully served as an elder and usher. He had a passion for car racing, tractor pulls, and woodworking. He also enjoyed playing cards and dancing. Walt built each of his grandchildren their own rocking chair, a cherished keepsake. In their younger years, the family spent time camping, creating memories that would last a lifetime. Family was everything to Walt, and he never missed a chance to support his kids and grandkids, attending as many of their events as possible.

Known for his wonderful personality, Walt had a knack for giving everyone a hard time, always followed by a mischievous smile. His quick wit left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He had a way of making people laugh and smile.

Walter is survived by his beloved wife, Carol; their children Jerard (Lisa) Anderson, West Fargo, ND, Monica (Robert) Poeppel, Gettysburg, Melissa (Tony) Haala, New Ulm, MN, and Maisie (Chad) Smith, Madison, SD; grandchildren: Anthony (Lindsey) Poeppel, Chelsey (Corey) Cronin, Casey (Bri Schrotberger) and Amber Anderson, and Graden Anderson, Adleigh Haala, and Paiton and Kennedy Smith; great grandchildren: Rayna, Coretta, and Tommy Cronin and Jack and Ivy Poeppel; siblings: Judith (Ron) Michlitsch and Constance Kiernan (Joel Christiansen); brother-in-law, Rudy Jacobs; sister-in-law, Pat Anderson; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mildred; infant sister, Phoebe; sisters: Virginia Mikkelson and Roxy Jacobs; brothers: Richard and Roger Anderson; mother and father-in-law, Paul and Emma Liebig.

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