



Howard Russel Anderson

March 18, 1940 - June 11, 2025

Howard Russel Anderson, formerly of Dassel, Minnesota, passed away June 11, 2025, at the age of 85 years in Annandale, Minnesota. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 25th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel with Pastor Jordan Scott officiating. The interment of the urn will be held at the Lake Arvilla Cemetery in rural Dassel following the service.

A time to gather with the family will be held one hour prior to the service on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel.

The Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel is in charge of the memorial arrangements.

Howard Russel Anderson was born on March 18, 1940, in Dassel, Minnesota, the eighth child of Hugo and Anna Lucille (Schreiner) Anderson. He was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel and had attended Trinity Covenant Church in Crystal. He had faithfully attended and had served in many positions in both churches.

He attended Maynard Lake country school for 6 years and graduated from Dassel High School in 1958. He furthered his education at Saint Cloud State College and graduated with an elementary education degree in 1962. In years

to follow he received his reading specialist degree at the University of Minnesota. He did his student teaching in Litchfield, Minnesota and started his teaching career in Hutchinson where he met his wife, Peggy, and continued his teaching for 34 years in Hopkins, Minnesota. He served for 12 years on the Hopkins Schools Credit Union Board of Directors, 12 years as chairman and member of the District Teachers State Recertification Board, 9 years as an elected board member of Minnehaha Academy, and one term on the advisory board of the Minnesota Science Museum in St. Paul, Minnesota

Margaret (Peggy) and Howard started their 54 years of marriage in 1964. They were blessed with a daughter, Kirsten, and lost an infant daughter, Elizabeth. After retiring Howard and Peg enjoyed RVing for 16 years, they went on several cruises, and built a home in Fort Myers, Florida. He enjoyed attending Twins spring training games, playing shuffleboard, running 5Ks, and playing bridge for 28 years.

Howard is survived by his daughter Kirsten (Ryan Johnson) Anderson. Siblings: Emily Mackie of San Leandro CA, Fay Shanholtzer of Bakersfield, CA, Orville (Jane) Anderson of Dassel, Percy (Mary) Anderson of Hutchinson, Linda (Steve) Madson of Show Low, AZ., sister-in-law: Addy Nies, Jeanette Anderson, Karee Anderson, and Marlyce Erickson. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and several grand and great grand nieces and nephews, plus numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Peggy) Anderson, his parents, Hugo and Anna Lucille Anderson, siblings, Irma Peterson, Goldie Omdahl, Melvin Anderson, Marvin Anderson, Lois Paradise, Gilbert Anderson, and Ralph Anderson.

Cemetery Details

Lake Arvilla Cemetery

Dassel, MN 55325

Previous Events

Time to gather with family

JUN 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church
251 Lake St.
Dassel, MN 55325
office@dasselcov.com
<http://www.dasselcovenant.org/>

Memorial Service

JUN 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NL

“ My husband Merle and I got to know Howard as members of the Democratic Farmer Labor Party. All of us were active members of our Meeker County association and enjoyed doing things together. like like cleaning our group's two mile stretch of the Highway 12. He and Peg were wonderful about inviting all of those taking part in the cleanup to breakfast prior to donning gloves and manning bags to pick up trash in the ditches. Howard cared about the environment, about young students, and about good government. He was a joy to know and to work with and will be missed. I am so sorry we could not attend the services.

Nancy Larson - June 25, 2025 at 08:51 PM

LE

“ Love, Maureen and Ellie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Russel Anderson.

Love, Maureen and Ellie - June 24, 2025 at 04:33 PM

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“ Love, Maureen and Ellie purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Howard Russel Anderson.



Love, Maureen and Ellie - June 24, 2025 at 04:33 PM

GB

“ Our sincere condolences to Howard's family. We first met Howard at the Shuffleboard courts at Cypress Woods RV resort. We became very good friends and will cherish the many times we shared with him. He was a great, gentle man and friend to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Gene and Carol Brosseau - June 22, 2025 at 12:10 PM

CG

“ Howard was a dear man who loved his family deeply, and found happiness in life. Bridge and entertaining others were combined in the group he had in Florida. He gave of his time to help others and shared his love of children when he tutored reading at New Horizons. He will be remembered fondly.
Chris Giesecke

Christine Giesecke - June 21, 2025 at 07:00 PM

BT

“ Brian and Tammy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Russel Anderson.

Brian and Tammy - June 21, 2025 at 02:53 PM

BT

“ Brian and Tammy purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Howard Russel Anderson.



Brian and Tammy - June 21, 2025 at 02:53 PM

SR

“ Sylvia Rose purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Howard Russel Anderson.



Sylvia Rose - June 20, 2025 at 04:47 PM

NO

“ We met Howard and Peg in 1997 at a RV rally in Kansas. We have been great friends ever since. We will never forget all the good times we had with Howard and Peg while RVing and our great times together at Cypress Woods. He will be greatly missed. With deepest sympathy.

Norb and Pat Boesl

NORB - June 19, 2025 at 09:37 PM

KW

“ Our names are Kevin & Jo-Ann Walton. Howard was our neighbor and dear friend in Fort Myers. Howard felt it was his personal mission in life to touch the lives of everyone he met in a positive way. He was generous with his time involving himself in all that was occurring in our community. If a neighbor needed help in some way, Howard was there for them. He served on our Association's Board. Howard took on, as a personal project for our community, the refurbishing of the Shuffleboard Court and additionally upgrading the court with a scoreboard and new equipment. Howard loved attending our weekly Social Hours as well as volunteering at a local school teaching English as a second language to local students. Howard, you will be sorely missed by us and by everyone whose life you touched. God Bless you and hold you in the palms of his hands.

Kevin and Jo-Ann Walton - June 17, 2025 at 07:51 AM

IB

Howard was a fine man like all the Anderson Brothers. I especially miss his brother, Gilbert, my neighbor. He and Peg were serving people. Peg and I started the first food shelf in the Dassel City Hall. They were both wonderful educators touching many lives. Howard also repaired clocks. "Well done, faithful servant."

Irene Bender - June 18, 2025 at 11:40 AM

LB

“ Julie & I met Howard as a new neighbor last July and were just getting to know him. We appreciated his willingness to jump in to help keep the grounds looking great. I especially admired his willingness to volunteer to help young students improve their reading skills. We will remember his family in our prayers. Lee & Julie Berchtold Ft Myers

Lee & Julie Berchtold - June 16, 2025 at 07:02 PM

FR

“ Howard and I were good friends and he was one of the first friends I made in Florida, my fondest memory is when he and I went on a cruise together. I miss him greatly! Picture that I am sharing is of Howard and I in Puerto Rico. Rest in Peace my friend. 🙏



Frank Richard - June 16, 2025 at 01:20 PM