



Jerry "JD" Anderson

October 12, 1924 - August 12, 2013

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JD's impact while on this earth is unparalleled. He shared his wisdom and values with young and old. He is remembered for his generosity, humor, intellect and contributions to so many lives. JD was born in St. Johns MI to Don and Thelma Anderson. JD was the quarterback of Grand Ledge's first undefeated football team and class president in 1941. JD served as a lieutenant in World War II, piloting the B-29 bomber. He served in the MI National Guard for many years after the war. After graduating from General Motors Institute, he founded Anderson Archery in 1952. He was a pioneer in worldwide distribution and retail sales of archery products. JD was past president and a Paul Harris fellow of the Grand Ledge Rotary Club, with 35 years of perfect attendance. He was former chief of the Grand Ledge volunteer Fire Dept. JD often volunteered with local charities and food banks. He was a generous supporter of MSU and a member of the football TV broadcast team for many years. He was recognized as an honorary alumnus and a varsity S club member of Michigan State University. A multi-faceted individual, JD was an engaging storyteller, avid outdoorsman, golfer, and taught each of his nine children to sail and downhill ski. JD was an avid collector of rare antiques, boats, cars and fire engines. He collected and assembled the only complete collection of Department 56 snow village.

JD's greatest legacy is his large family, his nine children, Mike (Carol), Pat (Betsy), Michele (Shea) Bonhag, Bill (Dawn), Linda (Jim) King, Cindy (Evan), John (Mary Jo), Carol Jenks and Nancy (Rob) Deno. 27 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, his brother Jim Anderson, the mother of his children Shirley Toaz and his wonderful caregivers, Helen Hautz, Rose Mills and Trudy Rose.

A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 17th at 11:00 am.
Visitation Friday, August 16th, 4:00-8:00 pm. Both will be held at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, MI. Memorial contributions may be given to the Joppa House, Womens Transitional Home. Please make checks payable to, Third Day Fellowship, Memo: Joppa House, 801 State Street, P.O. Box 174, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Cemetery Details

Mount Rest Cemetery

900 E. Steel Street
St. Johns, MI 48879

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Jerry "JD" Anderson*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - August 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Dear Anderson family,*

My sincere thoughts and sympathy are with you all at the loss of your dad J.D.

Pat Rush

Pat Rush - August 20, 2013 at 08:04 PM

TT

“ I met JD on the day of my engagement, before anyone else knew. Ken insisted we visit JD so he could tell him in person. That day, I made an unbelievably wonderful new friend. JD was a joy to be around, and a loyal and true friend to us for 30 years. JD was a true legendary character, full of the joy of life and the thrill of living it. JD inspired me to continue with my writing, and I've kept every letter he ever wrote to us. I regret that he didn't make it to see my book in print—being printed now. He was a catalyst for its coming into reality. I hate that I cannot visit him in person to give him a copy. Thanks, JD, for a lot of fun times and for believing in me. I hope you and my Ken are enjoying a heavenly reunion and you come together to meet me at the gate when it's my turn. I'll never forget you. Tana Thompson, Talladega, AL

Tana Thompson - August 17, 2013 at 11:13 AM



“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Jerry "JD" Anderson.



August 15, 2013 at 10:51 PM

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“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Anderson family. You will always have those great moments stored away in your memories of your loving father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of need.

Grand Ledge Class of 1966

Grand Ledge Class of 1966 - August 15, 2013 at 08:52 PM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Jerry "JD" Anderson.



August 15, 2013 at 03:15 PM



“ Mike, Pat, Shelly,Bill, Linda, Cindy, John, Carol, Cindy, I am sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of visiting at Gun Lake, boating and swimming. I remember all the adults going out on the pontoon to socialize and drink gin and lemonade. Jerry always wanted my mom to bring her macaroni salad when we came. I enjoyed the christmas programs at your house each year we lived in Michigan and remember all the TV's he had so he could keep up with all the football games. Unfortunately, I saw him only a few times since moving to Memphis and raising a family. He and my dad had a special relationship and I know he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Love,
Pam (Anderson) Gaillard

Pamela Gaillard - August 15, 2013 at 12:12 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Jerry "JD" Anderson.



August 14, 2013 at 10:06 PM

SR

“ John, Mike, Pat, Bill, Michelle, Linda, Cindy, Carol, Nancy, Shirley, I am so sorry to hear of "Big Jer's" passing. I have so many great memories of spending much time at your house growing up. He was very proud of you all. He did a lot good things for many of us strays the nine of you would drag home. It had to be hard for him to keep track of who was who after a while. He loved the fact that everyone wanted to be at the Andersons. I felt like family, that's the way he and Shirl made me feel. I'm forever grateful and honored to be one of the kids. Our prayers are with you all at this difficult time.
Regards,
Scott Redman

Scott Redman - August 14, 2013 at 03:36 PM

DH

To the family of Mr. Jerry Anderson we send our deepest regrets, but he is now in a place where old bow hunting friends who have passed before him call his spirit to the camp fire for council and laughter. May his soul rest peaceful and the good memories of him bring more laughter than tears in the sadness of his passing.

The Michigan Bow Hunters Association

Dean Hall - August 15, 2013 at 03:22 PM