



Kenneth Paul Anderson

February 19, 1937 - September 2, 2019

Kenneth Paul Anderson, 82, passed away September 2, 2019 at his home in Ivins, UT. He was born February 19, 1937, in Salt Lake City, UT, to Earl Harris Anderson and Ruth May Jacobson.

Kenneth was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints and had a number of callings in the church. He served three times as a ward clerk and twice as elder's quorum president. He was stake clerk for thirteen years in California. A new stake presidency was called at the end of this time and a new president asked that he stay on as stake clerk. Dallin Oakes said it was time to give him a gold watch and let someone else have the blessing of the Stake Clerk's calling. Kenneth said many times that serving with such spiritual leaders provided perspective for him in the challenges of being an executive with G.T.E. He was a high priests group leader when he and Darlene moved to Provo, Utah in 1988. While living in Provo, he worked with Darlene at the MTC on orientation days. While in their 60's they had a fun time being the Webelos leaders in the Oak Hills 5th ward. He was the ward and stake physical facilities coordinator and a worker in the Provo Temple. In Ivins he coordinated and conducted the financial audits for the Ivins stake and he and Darlene started greeting people and handing out programs for sacrament meetings when first moving to Ivins in 1999 and continued this for 16 years. This was a sweet time for them each Sunday.

He served his country in the US Naval Reserves for eight years and was given an Honorable Discharge on the 14th of March 1962.

High School was a time of making lifelong friends. The LDS group of students attended seminary in the morning, ate lunch together and generally kept in close contact. Rose Alice Spurrier a close friend introduced Kenneth and Darlene and the rest is history. He graduated from San Bernardino California high school in 1954.

He received an AA in 1986 from Azusa Pacific University and a BA degree in management with distinction from the University of Redlands in 1988.

He enjoyed a God given talent of working with his hands fixing and repairing things. This talent was evident when as a teenager in Salt Lake City he would ride the bus into Salt Lake and walk the back alleys behind the stores and shops and bring home projects (usually from radio repair shops) to tinker with. This talent to understand mechanical and electrical equipment turned into a 40-year career in the telecommunications industry. He started out installing electromechanical switching equipment in the Covina California Central Office to later co managing its replacement with a multimillion-dollar digital electronic switching in 186 central offices in California.

His greatest blessings consisted of being born of goodly parents and being married in the Los Angeles temple to his best friend Darlene Mae Dawson April 20th, 1956. Their temple marriage provided them the knowledge and inspiration to live a long and wonderful life together. And an opportunity to be parents, grandparents and great grandparents to their posterity.

Not knowing of the journey he would take to reach this point but knowing of and looking forward to this day when he would be reunited with his Angelic Eternal Sweetheart Darlene was a comfort to him.

Ken is survived by: his children; Lola Riggs of Leupp, Az, Deborah Gayle Sneed of Modesto, CA, Karen Tereasa Anderson of Ivins, UT and Donald Christian Anderson of Ivins, UT; his beloved grandchildren, Joseph, Miranda, Katelyn, Jonathan, Sarah and Trent Sneed and Summer and Zachary Anderson, Darrin Goodman, Harry Riggs III and Lance Riggs; Five great grandchildren Jordan Goodman, David Goodman, Carolina Sneed, Ruby Sneed and Beau Sneed. He was preceded in death by: his wife Darlene Mae

Dawson Anderson; parents Earl Harris and Ruth May Jacobson Anderson; and a son Kevin Trent Anderson.

Funeral services will be held Friday, September 13, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Red Cliffs 2nd Ward Chapel, 625 East Center Street, Ivins, UT. A viewing will be held from 9:00-9:45 am prior to the service. Interment will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2019, at 10:30a.m., at the Fountain Green Cemetery, Fountain Green, UT.

Family and friends are invited to share condolences online at www.SerentiyStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah. 435-986-9100.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **13.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Red Cliffs 2nd Ward
625 E. Center Street
Ivins, UT

Tribute Wall

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“ We know you (and Darlene) are smiling down, from a special place in Heaven, on your family and your friends and on all of us that were so blessed and privileged to have worked with you at GTE! Thank you Ken for the nurturing, compassionate leadership that, by your example, brought us together and taught us important life lessons of faith, encouragement, kindness and love! Each morning as we look skyward we will always think of you and smile back! Your legacy of truth, love and faith lives on and we will never forget you...our Leader, our Mentor, and our dear, dear Friend... Ken Anderson.

Rick Dahlstrom

Rick Dahlstrom - January 13, 2021 at 01:40 PM

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“ For the very brief time I knew of him, Kenneth Paul Anderson was a personal hero of mine and a wonderful example of who I would like to become. In a brief visit to the Cerritos Operation Center in Southern California he took my manager and several other leaders to a week long conference. When they returned I was called to my manager's office. I was told the managers had been counseled to reward performers in their work groups, not politicians. As a Network Construction Supervisor I was immediately boosted from the bottom of my pay scale to the top. It made for some very interesting relationships with my fellow management. I subsequently learned Kenneth Paul Anderson was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (I was not...yet) I felt Kenneth Paul Anderson "rode away on a white horse!

Dave Sills

Dave SILLS - November 23, 2020 at 12:18 PM

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“ I worked closely with Kenny for over a decade in his time with GTE. They were difficult, tumultuous times due to significant changes and reductions in the company. Through it all Kenny’s strength and power of prayer saw us through some difficult times. Kenny had a huge picture hanging in his office of George Washington kneeling beside his horse in prayer during a battle. This to me was the best depiction of Kenny. I was very close to Kenny and missed him very much after his retirement. To this day he remains in my heart as one of the finest friends and work partners I have had the privilege to know. God bless Kenny and his family. Thank you for all your good work in this world dear friend.

Lynda Bowman

Lynda Bowman - November 22, 2020 at 10:49 AM