



## Rev. Myron N. Anderson

September 6, 1927 - October 27, 2021

Rev. Myron N. Anderson age 94 of Manteno, IL, formerly of Texas, passed away peacefully at home. He was born September 6, 1927, to Rev. William and Leta (Larue) Anderson in Roseville, California where his parents pastored a church in the Assembly of God organization. At the age of 17, with his mother's permission he joined the US Navy and served in the Pacific aboard the carrier USS Bennington as a Water Tender in the #1 boiler room. After hostilities ended, Myron was transferred to the battleship USS Wisconsin which was then engaged in a good will/victory tour of allied ports. Finishing the tour at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, he was transferred to the light cruiser USS Wilkes Barre which was then ordered to patrol the North Atlantic. Following that cruise, Myron was discharged with the rate of WT3.

During his time aboard ship, he felt a call to the ministry and upon discharge from the service, returned to his parent's home in California to study under and assist his father in that work. During an evangelistic trip to Southeast Missouri, he became acquainted with the Rev. Elmer Benfield of Chaffee and continued his ministerial study under him. It was in Chaffee that he met Rev. Benfield's niece Delores whom he married shortly thereafter on December 23, 1950.

The Anderson's accepted their first pastorate in October 1962 at the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Chester, Illinois which through their energetic efforts

doubled in size in a very short time. During the years of their ministry, they also pastored churches in Kankakee, Ill and Charlotte, NC, retiring in 2006 after 44 years of ministerial service.

Since retiring, Rev. Anderson has stayed busy visiting and ministering to churches around the country. He was widely known as an astute and passionate bible theologian, teacher, minister and loyal friend His last efforts in the ministry were to speak this past September 11, 2021, at the funeral of Mr. Bob Smith, his dear friend of more than 50 years, at the Gospel Assembly Church of Bourbonnais, IL.

Myron was preceded in death by his loving wife of 67 years, Delores, his parents William and Leta, three brothers and two sisters and a granddaughter Amanda Anderson.

He is survived by his youngest sister, Mary Nevins of Prescott Arizona, two brother-in-laws, Donald and Truman Benfield of Memphis, TN, his three children and their spouses, Steve and Beth Anderson of Marble Falls, TX, Sharon and Michael Smith of Manteno, IL, and Mark and Stacie Anderson of Angleton, TX, six grandchildren, Ben Anderson, Amy Riley, Heidi Jones, Heather Smith, Rachel Abraham and Nathan Anderson, eleven great grandchildren, and friends too numerous to count. Special mention should be made of dear family friends Mr. Clyde Tilley of St. Anne, IL and Mandy Fiorenzo of Kankakee, IL and his “adopted” daughter Lillie Langlois a big sister to his children.

A celebration of his life and ministry will be held at the Kankakee Gospel Assembly located at 1706 West Route 102, Bourbonnais, IL on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. funeral service. Interment, with military honors, will be held at Noon on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Those wishing to attend the visitation and service are cautioned to use good judgement regarding the risk to their health in attending public events of this nature.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans in honor of Mr. Anderson's longtime support. The Memorial Donation Form can be found on their website.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee Gospel Assembly Church  
1706 W State Route 102 # A  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 939-1511

## Funeral Service

NOV 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee Gospel Assembly Church  
1706 W State Route 102 # A  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
(815) 939-1511

## Graveside Service

NOV 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery  
20953 W. Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421  
(815) 423-9958  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Myron N. Anderson*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *he blessed so many with his life and ministry. he will certainly be missed. Our deepest sympathies to the family. rev. Don and April Ritchie*

**April Ritchie** - October 30, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Pastor Anderson taught me my 1st lessons in the word.Him and his wife were wonderful saints.*

**Dennis Paris** - October 30, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *Dear Sharon and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know that your strong faith and wonderful memories will comfort you in the difficult days ahead. I believe he and your mom are together, Happy, whole, and pain free God's loving arms. ❤️*

**Loretta Krutsinger** - October 30, 2021 at 12:44 AM