



Thomas "Tom" Walter Anderson

May 23, 1932 - April 12, 2016

Thomas Walter Anderson, age 83, of rural Wann, Oklahoma passed away peacefully at his home on the 12th of April 2016. Tom was born on May 23, 1932 in Port Arthur, Texas, only child to Viola Margaret Brown Anderson and Walter Theodore Anderson.

Tom received his education in the Port Arthur schools and after graduation, served in the US Air Force for four years where he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and received an honorable discharge.

On December 25, 1953, Tom married Harriet Belle Dobbs and they have three children. They and the children were later sealed together for time and all eternity in the Logan Utah Temple. His children and grandchildren honored Tom and Belle in later years with wonderful celebrations on their 25th, 50th and 60th anniversaries.

In 1960 Tom graduated from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He then took a position with the US Army Corps of Engineers and enjoyed a 30-year career as a project manager before retiring in 1990. During his tenure with the Corps, he enjoyed working in the 37 counties of the Galveston District as flood control overseer and was design coordinator for many navigation and flood control projects along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Upon his retirement Tom and Belle began restoring a 155 year old home that had washed down LaNana Creek in Nacogdoches, Texas. After 5 years in the piney woods of East Texas, they became ranchers in Northeast Oklahoma. He dearly loved his cattle, chickens, pets and garden.

Tom's lifelong hobbies were fishing, playing softball and pitching for various teams including the Army Corps of Engineers' team in Galveston and sports of all kinds, especially tennis, ping pong and flag football. He grew and grafted pecan trees, kept a garden, enjoyed camping and loved to make wooden toys for his grandchildren. In his later years Tom enjoyed family history research, particularly of his Swedish ancestry.

Tom was a noble patriarch who set a great example of Christ-like living. He loved family gatherings and was particularly pleased he was able to visit with all his posterity over the Christmas holidays as he travelled from Oklahoma to Utah, Nevada and Texas.

Tom was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had a strong testimony of his Savior Jesus Christ. He loved serving in the Church and was a Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Young Men's President, Stake Missionary, Stake High Councilman, Stake Facilities Representative and Home Teacher. Tom and Belle also served 2 years as Ordinance Workers in the Dallas Texas Temple and in 2015 were called to serve in the Oklahoma City Temple where they served faithfully.

Tom is survived by his wife of 62 years, Harriet Belle, sons Thor Anderson (Karen) of Las Vegas, NV, Eric Anderson (Lisa Paul) of Round Rock, Texas and daughter Kathryn Bean (Brian) of Bartlesville, eleven grandchildren, Brittney Goodwin (Bobby), Ashley Anderson, Colin Anderson (Jessa), Jordan Anderson (Irina), Tiffany Anderson (deceased), Skyler Anderson (Brin

Connetta), Taylor Anderson, Emily Bean, Rachel Bean, Ethan Bean, Adam Bean and six great-grandchildren, Aubrey and Miles Anderson, Violet Anderson, Sewell and Randall Goodwin and Emma Bean.

Special thanks to all the family, friends and neighbors whose love, service and prayers were a blessing to Tom as he completed his earthly journey.

Funeral services are under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home, 1600 SE Washington Boulevard, Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Services will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 507 Mulberry Street, Independence, Kansas with Zachery Milligan officiating. A viewing will also be held on Friday, April 15th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Stumpff Funeral Home in Bartlesville. A graveside service with military honors and final interment will be at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma at 10:00 AM, Monday April 18th.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Rd
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2334

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
507 Mulberry
Independence, KS

Graveside Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fort Gibson National Cemetery
1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas "Tom" Walter Anderson*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Thomas "Tom" Walter Anderson*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Tom will always hold a special place in our hearts. Loved his laugh and he and Belle hold many bright spots in our memories! May the knowledge of the gospel bring peace and comfort to all the family. Love, Allan and Joan Fairchild*

Allan and Joan Fairchild - April 18, 2016 at 01:29 AM



“ *Your family is in my prayers and thoughts. May God bless you with peace and understanding.*

Janice Vineyard - April 17, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to you, Belle, and your family.....may Heavenly Father bless and comfort each one of you. Tom was a very spiritual man and honored his covenants with our Heavenly Father and one could feel it in his testimonies and in his services to God and family. My prayers are with you and your family. Gerri Claibourn*



Gerri Claibourn - April 17, 2016 at 04:03 PM

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“ *What a wonderful family man, husband, father, grandfather. You couldn't meet or know Tom and not love him! I always loved to hear him sing at church, his voice would travel throughout the chapel. So happy to have had the pleasure to know him, he will be missed by all who know him. Bonnie Helms*

Bonnie Helms - April 17, 2016 at 03:59 PM

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“ *We will always remember Tom as a wonderful, kind and caring man. We have some great memories of him and Belle! Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you all and send our deepest sympathy.*

*Elder and Sister Mecham
(Rick and Julie)*

Rick Mecham - April 17, 2016 at 03:51 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" Walter Anderson.*



April 15, 2016 at 01:40 PM

LM

“ *Belle and Family*
Tom was a wonderful neighbor and friend we will miss him greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God had a better plan for Tom and he is rejoicing knowing this you'll find strength to face each tomorrow.

Love, Don and Linda Miller

Linda Miller - April 14, 2016 at 05:06 PM

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“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. May the loving God of the Holy Bible give you comfort at this difficult time from Isaiah 25:8.*

M.H. - April 14, 2016 at 01:28 PM

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“ *Belle & family,*
Tom was a special person, father, husband, grandpa and cousin. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love you, Marcia

marcia scott - April 13, 2016 at 05:50 PM