



Robert Michael Anderson

October 15, 1949 - August 22, 2021

It is with great sadness we announce the loss of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, and son Robert Michael “Mike” Anderson, who peacefully passed away on August 22, 2021, at the age of 71, surrounded by family.

Robert Michael “Mike” Anderson was born on October 15, 1949 in Glendale California to Bob Anderson and Betty Adkins. Mike was raised by Bob and Maida in California, both of whom had a positive influence on his life. Mike served in the Chilean Mission from 1968 to 1971. In May of 1971, Mike met the woman of his dreams, DeAnn Brown, and they were sealed for eternity in the Los Angeles Temple on September 4, 1971.

Mike attended Cal State North Ridge and BYU, obtaining a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from BYU in 1975. After graduation, Mike and DeAnn moved to California where he worked for Ralph Evans. His education didn’t end when he graduated from college, as he continued his education in college and reading thousands of books. Mike took pride in his library.

In 1977, Mike and DeAnn moved back to Utah, where Mike became a partner in RMA Construction with his parents, Bob and Maida Anderson, and his grandpa, Robert Melvin “Andy” Anderson. Mike and Bob earned private pilot licenses together and travelled for business all over the country. Mike was a strong businessman, honest in his dealings, and ensuring that there was integrity in his work.

In 1979, Mike and DeAnn built their Lindon home, which went through multiple design changes. In 1998, their home burned down. With the help of family and neighbors, Mike was able to completely rebuild the home in just 7 weeks. In 2007, his barn burned down, and Mike took the firefighters who responded to the fire on a trip around the yard on his train. Mike was a true Lindonite and built a heritage of service and family, contributing to the community.

Mike has been actively engaged in the scouting program throughout his life. He received

the Arrow of Light, Eagle Scout, 2nd Miler Award, Award of Merit, the James West Award, and the Silver Beaver. Mike served as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Scout Master, Director over Camporees, National Jamboree Leader (signs and patches for the committee), Klondike Derby's, Scout-o-Rama, Utah National Parks Council, VP Learning for Life, VP Membership, and Properties Committee. Mike held multiple callings, including being in BYU Bishopric, Sunday School Teacher for 8 years, and High Council for Lindon Stake.

Mike received the Shoe award for contributions to the Lindon Elementary Library, the Outstanding Volunteer Golden Apple Award from the Pleasant Grove Council PTA, and many other awards for his many years of service.

Mike was the President of Character Connection, served on the Board of Directors for Western Community Bank (Rock Canyon Bank), and was elected to the State School Board of Education Finance and Charter Schools. He also served with the Aspen Lake Church Property, the Alpine School Foundation, the Star Reading Program, the Timpanogos Temple Cornerstone, and many other community roles. Mike was so proud of serving the Lord at the Timpanogos Temple for over 15 years.

After retirement, Mike was determined to serve his neighbors and the Lord. Mike and DeAnn began a service mission at the Lindon Bishop's Storehouse in 2006 and have served there for 15 years. Mike is a man of service, serving anyone he met. He treated everyone he met as a friend. Mike was always found throughout the community serving neighbors on the lawn mower, backhoe, bobcat, forklift, golf cart, or his truck. Mike was always moving and was difficult to find, but we always knew that he was out serving the community.

Mike also took great pride in his yard, creating a welcoming space for all. His yard and home became the family meeting space for family events, Sunday dinners, holidays, celebrations, weddings, reunions, and many other gathering events.

One of the Mike's greatest adventures was installing the riding train in his yard in 2006. He wanted the whole community to enjoy the train, so with the help of family and friends, he started the Stringtown Polar Express and Stringtown Nightmare Express train ride. Mike loved that the train rides brought the family and neighbors together to serve the community, creating a lasting memory for all. One thing that we could always know about Mike, is that he wanted to take just one more last trip on his train after each night of serving the community had ended.

In memory of Mike, we decided to bring him home one last time. We want the beautiful

yard and heavenly home he created to be the place where family and friends gather to celebrate his life and legacy. As we celebrate his life at his home, take a moment to see the legacy of service, beauty, love, and peace that Mike created.

Mike is survived by his wife DeAnn Anderson, and their children, Cheri (Rick) Hardman, Scott (Jenni) Anderson, Sandra (Sam) Farnsworth, Ranee (Jerry) Senninger, Jennette (Joao Thiago) Bezerra, Jenny (Mike) Latham, Michael (RaeAnn) Anderson, Carolyn Nikki Anderson, and Tawnya Anderson, along with 26 grandchildren. Mike is also survived by his parents, Bob and Maida Anderson, Betty Adkins, and his 14 siblings.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 27, at 11 am. Viewings will be held on Thursday, August 26, 6 pm to 8 pm and prior to service on Friday, August 27, 9 am to 10:15 am. Services and viewings will be held at the home of Mike Anderson at 455 E 200 N, Lindon, Utah. Following the funeral services, graveside services will be held at the Orem Cemetery.

Click on the link to view the Funeral Service for Robert Michael Anderson.

<https://my.gather.app/remember/robert-michael-anderson>

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT, 84097

Events

AUG **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Residence

455 East 200 North, Lindon, UT, US, 84042

AUG **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:15AM

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AUG **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Utah Valley Mortuary - August 26 at 04:22 PM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Utah Valley Mortuary - August 24 at 06:25 PM



“ One more memory: When Mike came home from his mission in Chile it was right after the Sylmar earthquake and he called home that he would like to visit all the temple ruins in the Americas on his way home. I don't know where he got the statues from but he sent home quite a few fertility statues, as if Bob and Maida needed them! --Ruth Winstead

Ruth Winstead - August 27 at 03:59 PM



“ While visiting my daughter's family in Lindon, we had the pleasure of riding on the magical Christmas train and afterward, taking a moment to write notes to missionaries and military people, provided by Mike and his family. This was such a special way to feel the sweetness of Christmas and community spirit. We really had a great time!! Many thanks for the years of service and love!

Nancy and Dave Morgan
Fair Oaks, California
10/1/2021

Nancy Morgan - October 01 at 01:20 PM



“ What an amazing man! It was our privilege to become acquainted with Mike while serving at the Bishop's Storehouse and we were so sorry to hear of his passing. Our prayers go out to his family.

Ruth Porter - September 02 at 11:05 AM



“ Mike and Steve were our babysitters for our kids, so Dudley and I could go out to a movie or something. They were about 11 and 12 years old. Also I remember picking the boys up as they were coming home from school and then we'd have lemonade and cookies. I didn't want them to hitchhike. I remember how cute he was in his scout uniform with the short pants and the knee socks. He was so proud of his scouting. He was sent as an emissary or something to Japan when there was a big meeting. He was a good man.
--Ruth Winstead (aunt)

Ruth Winstead - August 27 at 03:17 PM



“ Mike. The best example of a man, father, and priesthood holder that I have ever known. His willingness to guide, serve and show his love to those around him was just remarkable. Thank you for welcoming me into your home for Thanksgiving meals, dinners and family gatherings that made me feel like I was a direct member of your family. I will forever think of you as the golden standard. Thank you

Silas (Sil) Pimentel - August 27 at 03:01 PM



“ We as a family got acquainted with Cheri and family when we moved into their ward. Soon a grandson of his became our home teacher. What a wonderful family. Michael invited us to go to his grandpa's house and ride on his little train. We took some of our grandchildren. We loved it, children loved. We have loved associating with Michael and his family! Then he went on his mission, came home and married Alex. We have moved from Cheri's ward but we have loved and admired Robert's family too! Loved watching the devotion from afar. Love Duane and Jean Jacobs
Sorry for the loss of a wonderful man!

Jean Jacobs - August 27 at 11:58 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of brother Anderson. I served with him at the Lindon bishop’s storehouse as a Church service missionary. We are sorry for your loss sister Anderson. Love Brian and Madison Frantz.

Brian Frantz - August 26 at 11:59 PM



“ I don’t know how to put into words how great of a man Mike is. He has always been someone that I have consistently looked up to as the most serviceable, helpful, loving, Christlike person I have ever met. To know him is an honor. My life is better because of him and all of the Anderson family.

Monica Nybo - August 26 at 09:47 PM



“ Mike Anderson is one of my life heroes.

Mike trained me when I first started working at the Timp temple Tuesday night shift almost 9 years ago. We hit it off immediately and found we both had a great love for the scriptures, especially the Old Testament. He shared many sacred experiences with me and we talked at length about the importance of the temples. Shortly before his death we talked about this all-important scripture in the Doctrine and Covenants:

“In the ordinances thereof, the power of godliness is manifest. And without the ordinances thereof, and the authority of the priesthood, the power of godliness is not manifest unto men in the flesh”

His eyes lit up as I asked about this passage. He said, "you found it!" This is a key scripture. He said "ordinances sanctify us leading to additional light and truth." He then pointed me to several other related versus in section 93.

if all men had been, and were, and ever would be, like unto a Mike Anderson, behold, the very powers of hell would have been shaken forever.

I love Mike Anderson. I love his heart. I love his testimony of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I'm happy for him. He is home - again. He watches down on us. I will miss his warm smile and brotherly kindness.

Jon Norton

Jon Norton - August 26 at 11:53 AM



“ We are so sorry to learn of Mike's passing on from his earthly life. He will be deeply missed. We got to know him at the Bishop's Storehouse when we were serving our mission with the special needs missionaries. He was so kind and caring for everyone around him and always willing to help where it was needed. We were privileged to get to know him and his wife DeAnn. Our prayers go out to all of his family. He was a beacon of light to everyone.

Steve and Dianna Holbrook - August 26 at 11:30 AM



“ We are saddened and shocked at the news of Mike's passing. Our deepest condolences to DeAnn and her whole family. Mike was an amazing, true disciple of Jesus Christ. He always "went about doing good" and we can only imagine what he is up to now! Heaven received him with open arms as he did to everyone he came in contact with while on earth. God Bless You Mike, until we meet again!

John & Teri Wharff - August 25 at 05:30 PM



“ I've had the privilege of working with Bro. Anderson for the past two years on the Tuesday night shift at the Timpanogos Temple. He was always so kind to me as I onboarded and I always looked forward to our interactions and asking him gospel doctrine questions - which he always answered. He will be missed!

Wayne Warnock - August 25 at 12:57 PM



“ You were great in everything you did. Listening to you explain the scriptures, sharing sacred experiences or extending your service always left me in awe. Your first consideration in any circumstance was whether or not your actions would be acceptable to Heavenly Father. You would push through weariness to always be well-doing. I know you were greeted upon your return home with a sincere "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Sure wish I knew how you are serving now. I can't even imagine that you aren't very busy in very important work since the same spirit that possessed you on earth is what follows you to heaven. Work hard! We are much more prepared for welcoming our Savior, Jesus Christ, back to the earth because of all you taught us and the kind of life you lived.

Teresa Hendrickson - August 25 at 12:31 PM



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Dear Anderson family

i wanted to express to u on how sorry i am on the loss of a husband ,father, grandfather and friend ,iam loss for words but on how sorry i am. thank you for sharing mike with me iam so blessed i got to know him i met him when i was volunteering at the bishops store house with my special needs crew from atec. i looked up to mike he took me under his wing and made sure my crew and i were taken care of he liked to have my crew there i really appericate on what he has done for my crew and i , and most of all i loved at christmas time when he would have me bring my family to do the polar express train ride they really enjoyed doing such a fun experience. and would look forward to polar express coming each yr i give mike and the family alot of credit on doing it to have family make such fun memories . mike was a thoughtful guy and wonderful person he would always make you feel so welcome by him he had such a nice personality about him. i will hold onto the memories of mike and and what he has done for me and my atec crew and making them feel so welcome and making a safe place for them to work. thank you mike for all your hospitality and you will never be forgotten you will be just missed just for now intill we meet again your legend will live on all who new u . i will miss seeing u buzz around the storehouse and trying to catch up to you to say hi or just to tell you something rest in peace you will be loved and missed by all that new u .again thank you for all you have done to make a difference in the atec crew and making things possible for them to learn job skills to help them succeed in there future ., iam sending my love to the the anderson family durning this diffucult time in sorrow,and again thank you for sharing such a wonderful man with everyone that new him and adored him ,, my thoughts and prayers are with the family during such a hard time ..

Morgan Newman(Atec para educator coach)

morgan newman - August 24 at 08:29 PM