



## Donald Anderson M.D.

June 3, 1918 - March 2, 2012

Donald T. Anderson, M.D., 93, of Kingsford, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 2, 2012 at the Memory Unit of Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford.

Don was born June 3, 1918 in Red Wing, MN, son of the late Ole and Clara (Schroeder) Anderson. He graduated from Red Wing High School in 1936 and entered the four year bachelor program at the Hamline University in Madison, WI. Upon completion of his pre-med requirements, Don was accepted to the medical program at University of Wisconsin – Madison. He obtained his Doctorate Degree in Radiology from UW Madison and was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served at the Charles Miller Hospital in St Paul, MN, and then went to the V.A. Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. Don married Ruth I. Ovalson on June 5, 1943 and she preceded him in death on Sept. 3, 2000. They lived in Chicago while Don completed his residency and then moved to Kingsford in 1951 and have resided here since that time. For many years they spent their summers at their cottage in Spread Eagle, WI. Over the years he practiced radiology at DCMH, the VA hospital in IM, Crystal Falls Hospital, and Anderson Memorial Hospital in Norway. He fully retired from radiology in 1985, but still served on the Tumor Board for many years at DCMH. He had also served on the school board of Breitung Township, the State Radiology Board, and the MI State Licensing Board for Physicians. One of his highest achievements was being made a Fellow of the American College of Radiology in 1973. He also received a Wall of Honor award in 2005 from Red Wing High

School. Don was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Pine Grove Country Club, the Chippewa Club, Spread Eagle Golf Course and Rotary. He loved downhill skiing which he did till the age of 80. Don was an avid golfer, enjoyed his flower gardens, loved to whistle and could carry tunes wonderfully. Most of all, Don enjoyed spending time with his grandsons.

He is survived by three children, Michael (Nancy) Anderson of Fort Collins, CO, and twins, David (Sandra) Anderson of Aurora and Laurel (Robert) Kitslaar of Luxemburg, WI; two grandsons, Andrew D. and Benjamin D. Anderson, both of Aurora; a sister-in-law, Elaine "Jane" Scoville of Citrus Heights, CA; and nieces, Barb (Neal) Siewert and Jeanette (Len) Strutz both of Red Wing, MN and their families.

He was preceded in death by brothers Leonard (Mildred) Anderson and Doyle Anderson, and a sister Agnes (Maurice) Hartery.

Private family graveside services will be held at the Oakwood Cemetery in Red Wing, MN in the spring.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dr. Donald Anderson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ *To Lori, Dave, and family,  
What a joy to read the testiments about your beloved Dad! The kind words surely captured his positive upbeat spirit. Your Mom and Dad always had a smile and kind word to give to others. I fondly remember the fun times both of our families had as kids at Spread Eagle; later times seeing your parents at the "Chip Club" for dinner. Those were the days! Don, or Dr Anderson as he was known, contributed so much to the area. When Don told me that he and my husband graduated from the same college, that provided another great connection for us. Your loss is great, but it is good to know that his image can still be seen in each of you everyday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless!  
Your soul sister in the South,  
Pam*

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**Pam and Bruce Wilson - Atlanta, GA - Family Friend** - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dear Family:  
It was yesterday, I found out about your dear Father and my great friends' passing. As irony would have it, ann and I were having a glass of wine staring out at the very same view of Long Lake that Don and Ruth enjoyed nightly for many, many years. My friendship with Don spanned 35 years and good years they were!  
Please know Ann and I send our love and hugs to you all. I know he is once again united with your Mom enjoying each others presence.  
Smile---he truly was one of a kind!*

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**Mike & Ann Moraska - Florence, WI - Friends** - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *The Weeges (previous neighbor) send deep condolences to wonderful Don's family and friends as we remember his lively whistle and warm wit and wisdom and true kindness to us . He and Ruth were true friends to our family and we miss them dearly. Cindy in Madison Bless you*

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**Cynthia Weege - MADISON, WI - family friend** - March 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *My sincere condolences to your family. I was so sorry to hear your father has passed away. I was a good friend of your dad since 1951 when Dickinson County Memorial Hospital opened. I retired in 1980 and he retired in 1985.*

*I lived at Evergreen Apts. for 18 years, but I now live with Jim & Marilyn in Richfield, WI (near Milwaukee).*

*I am also 93 years old.*

*Helen Archibald*

*My sincere condolences to your family on the passing away of your father. I graduated from high school with Mike and have many fond memories of waterskiing at Spread Eagle. I enjoyed talking to your father when he was walking at Evergreen Apts. when Marilyn and I would visit my mother.*

*Jim Archibald*

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**Helen Archibald / James & Marilyn Archibald - Richfield, WI - Co-worker & friend** - March 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *We will miss his warmth and sincerity. He would always greet you with a smile & a hug. He always enjoyed watching his grand kids and our son play at his sons home. We enjoyed talks with him about his life. His family are all in our prayers.*

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**Dan, Cyndi & Alfred Absolon - Crystal Falls, MI - Family** - March 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Lori, Dave and families....our memories will always be special, will miss him as I miss them all....love Shelby*

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**Shelby Merckx - florence, WI - family friend** - March 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Dear Anderson Family: I had the honor of working with Dr. Anderson at DCHS. I work in the Medical Staff Office and I would see Dr. Anderson every time he came in for Tumor Board. He would stop by and ask for an article from a journal or for help with the computer or just to stop by to say "hi". I enjoyed our little chats. Most of all I enjoyed him; a mild mannered gentleman with a pleasant smile; an intelligent person and always kind and considerate. When he left he would always say "thank you young lady". I missed him this past year. There are certain people in our lives that leave lasting impressions. Dr. Anderson was one of them. He was truly a blessing to me and I will miss him. God bless you.*

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**Bonnie Edlebeck - Niagara, WI - Co-worker** - March 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *To the Anderson family,  
Our deepest condolences on the passing of Dr. Anderson.  
For quite a while, he came to Holiday Kitchen almost daily, for soup, to go.  
Our staff will miss his wonderful smile, and thier hearts go out, to all of you as well.  
We pray you find peace and comfort, at such a painfull time.  
sincerely,  
Gene Levenburg & Family, and the whole gang at Holiday..*

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**Gene Levenburg - Friend** - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ To my super Family, who have always been there for me, I Thank You. Dad, will always be in our Hearts and Our Prayers for many moons to come. Seeing Dad in Person on the 25th of February in the Hospital was rewarding but yet sad. I did not and really nobody did, have that Magic Key to send him forward to Heaven, just had to have a little bit more of that Norwegian patience. Now that day has arrived, Dad is playing Bridge up there, or golf, ping pong, taking long walks with Mom by his side and our first dog ever Topper. For all of you Friends and Families, who have known our Dad throughout the years, Thanks For Those Memories. May God Bless you all. With Love and Hugs, Lori Kitslaar

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**Lori Kitslaar - Luxemburg, WI - I am Don's Daughter.** - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ To the family of Dr. Donald Anderson . You have my deepest sympathy during this time of sorrow .I know how it is to lose a loved one that you have been with and enjoyed for years . my prayers are with the entire family And especially Laurie being there when she was needed to help Gayle and I cope with tough times

*with sympathy*  
*Jim Strutz*

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**Jim Strutz** - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ David and Sandra and Families, We are so sorry to read of your Dad's passing. He was a wonderful Man, alway's took time to stop and talk when we used to see him at the Blind Duck. Plus Gail worked with him at DCMH. Please accept our sympathy, and cherish the memories. Rest in peace and God Bless Soldier.

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**Dick & Gail Dabb - Coconut Creek, FL - Friend & former coworker** - March 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ DAVE, SANDY & FAMILIES, WE ARE SADDENED BY YOUR LOSS OF YOUR DAD. I LOVE THAT PICTURE! IT LOOKS AS IF HE JUST WALKED OUT OF THE BLIND DUCK! I NEVER GOT TO WORK WITH HIM BUT EVERYONE JUST LOVED HIM & SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF HIM. GOD BLESS YA' ALL, & THANK YOU FOR HIS MILITARY SERVICE~ I NEVER KNEW THAT EITHER. WHAT AN AWESOME GUY! ?

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**HAROLD & DEB BELL - AURORA, WI - FRIEND** - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS YOUR DAD WAS A GREAT MAN AS GREG KNEW HIM ALL HIS LIFE. MAY GOD HELP YOU AND BLESS YOU IN THIS TIME GOD BLESS

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**LORIAND GREG MAAS - iron mountain, MI - friends** - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Lori, Dave and families, You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Doc was such an amazing man. I missed seeing him out for his daily walks after he moved. There are no words to help in the passing of a parent or any loved one, but know that we are thinking of you all and send love and hugs!! Lori, Steve and Ethan Servia

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**Lori (Gering) Servia - Iron Mountain, MI** - March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM