



## Greg Anderson

June 22, 1953 - September 25, 2018

Anderson, Gregory Dean (Greg) of Burnsville passed away on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, at Fairview University Hospital from complications due to a stroke following his recent heart surgery. He was surrounded by his children and went peacefully.

Greg was born in Fillmore County on June 22, 1953, to Amos and Helen (Tolrud) Anderson. He was proud to be a funeral director for the majority of his working career and found satisfaction helping families which was well known as one of his innate qualities. He was funny, caring, enigmatic and true to himself. He never shied away from a good time, but he also worked hard every day to make a difference in the lives of those he loved. His hobbies of gardening, boating, cooking and music are just a few of which he was known for. His storytelling was top notch and he could have even the most stoic people laughing, even if they'd already heard the story a million times. Greg was a long-time member of the Zuhrah Shrine Horsemen and a proud member of The Torske Klubben.

He is survived by his kids, Thomas Anderson (Tami), Lindsey Anderson Watson (Wes), John Anderson (Kristina Janu) and Jessica Norem (Tony); grandkids, Garrett, Aurora, Lillian and Ashton.

Visitation 6-8 p.m. Thursday, 9/27, at Washburn-McReavy Werness Brothers Chapel, 2300 West Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington and 1/2 hr. prior to the funeral service at Lakewood. Funeral Service 2:00 p.m. Friday, 9/28, at Lakewood Cemetery Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Ave. So., Minneapolis. Committal service 11:00 am Saturday, 9/29, at Crown Hill Cemetery, Preston, MN. A luncheon will follow in Preston.

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Bloomington Chapel

2300 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN, US, 55431

**SEP** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Lakewood Cemetery Chapel

3600 Hennepin Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, US, 55408

# Comments

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“ I was introduced to Greg through a mutual friend after moving to the Twin Cities from Wisconsin, where I had been a funeral director for a number of years. I had just gotten licensed in Minnesota, and Greg was an enormous help in my early professional networking. He gave me a lot of practical advice in my employment search and connected me with the people who remain very important to my career today. He also became a good friend. The first time I met him it was like we had known each other for years. He definitely had a gift for establishing a connection with people and a great sense of humor, something I have seen fade for many funeral directors after spending years in the profession. A lot of people lose their passion for this type of work, but Greg didn't. It was always a joy to catch up with him and I'm sad that I won't be able to do that again.

Regards,  
Aura Chasteen

**Aura Chasteen** - September 30, 2018 at 02:47 PM

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“ Greg was my roommate in mortuary school at the University of Minnesota. We were friends for more than 40 years. He could describe some unpleasant event in such a way that you would've paid money to be a part of it. He was dapper. Greg was musically gifted; you could hum a few bars of any Broadway show tune, and he could play the entire score of the musical for you, on accordion or the pipe organ, your choice.

This is stating the obvious, but Greg truly believed in the value of funeral service. He helped thousands of people during his lifetime, as they went through a difficult time that many of us are experiencing now: the death of a family member and friend.

Steven Dwine

**Steven Dwine** - September 29, 2018 at 09:01 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Greg Anderson.



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“ Jim McCready: I first met Greg when he became a regional manager for Great Western Insurance Company. I traveled with Greg in my territory in Colorado and Arizona as he learned what we did as account managers. I truly enjoyed my time traveling with Greg and getting to know him. We later attended the NFDA certification training in Minneapolis to get our CPC qualification. I stayed at his home on the lake and revisited the U if M campus where we both graduated from the Mortuary Science program. It was also great to meet Lindsay in Arizona at the Gordon Biersch restaurant. We didn't remain in contact much after my departure from Great Western in 2011, but I always kept up on his health issues through our mutual acquaintances. Rest In Peace my friend. My thoughts are with his family.

Jim McCready  
Gilbert, AZ

James McCready - September 27, 2018 at 12:32 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Greg Anderson.



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“ From: Larry Knutson and Family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Greg Anderson.



From: Larry Knutson and Family. - September 27, 2018 at 09:32 AM

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“ I have known Greg for over thirty years, he was a great friend, we shared many good times and laughs! I will really miss him! My condolences to his wonderful family, Tom and Tami, Lindsay and Wes, John and Kristina, Jessica Norem and Tony, grandkids Garrett, Aurora, and Ashton. I love you Greg!

Larry Knutson - September 27, 2018 at 09:29 AM