



## John Forrest Anderson

September 1, 1924 - December 22, 2020

Anderson, John "Forrest" age 96, a longtime resident of Northeast Mpls. and Columbia Heights, passed away December 22, 2020 at York Gardens of Edina. Family including his daughter were grateful to be able to visit him during this time. He was the first born of his family on September 1, 1924 at his home in Cushing, MN to Carl Fritchuf and Serine (Johanson) Anderson. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Harriet Anna Hadley Anderson; infant son; parents; brothers Wallace Anderson and Kieth Anderson; sister-in-law Dorothy Anderson; brother-in-law Arlo Kneeland; brother Robert Anderson. He is survived by his son Bruce Anderson (Kimberly) of Coon Rapids, MN and daughter Heidi Anderson (Daniel) of Brookfield, WI; grandchildren, Timothy James of MN, Madelyn and Evelyn Anderson of Brookfield, WI; sisters-in-law, Delores Anderson (Littleton, CO), Clarice Anderson (Edina, MN); brothers, Roger (Moundsview, MN) and William (Myrna) Anderson (Coon Rapids, MN); sister Marie Kneeland (Anoka, MN); brothers Carl (Kathy) (Roseville, MN) and Dale (Amber) Anderson (Aurora, CO); sister Elise (Ron) Karger (Farmington, MN); brother David (Eileen) Anderson (Bloomington, MN) and 23 dear nieces and nephews. Forrest was raised in Cushing, MN and graduated from Little Falls High School. Growing up the eldest of 11 siblings, he was a loving older brother, supporting his family throughout his entire life. He served with the Aviation Ordnancemen in WWII. Following he attended Augsburg College and graduated from the U of MN Institute of Technology. It was there that he met the love of his life Harriet Hadley in the Twin Cities Lutheran Young Adult Group and they were married at University Lutheran Church, Minneapolis on April 20, 1963. His career began with Minneapolis Moline followed by many years at Longyear Corporation where he was retired. An intellectually curious and brilliant thinker, he enjoyed his Mechanical Engineering career very much, including travel, accomplishing a U.S. Patent and many lifelong friends made. An avid sportsman he enjoyed boating, waterskiing, downhill skiing, canoeing and camping in the BWCA and traveled four continents, including five trips to Alaska. He raised his family in a home that he and his bachelor brothers built in NE Mpls. and enjoyed activities with his children especially Boy Scouts and YMCA Indian Princess activities, ski trips, vacations, active membership and friends at First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights. In later years visits and vacations with his grandchildren were precious to him. Private family viewing, funeral

and burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery is planned for Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Memorials preferred to Plymouth Christian Youth Center or First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights. Washburn-McReavy.com Columbia Heights 763-789-4436

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Washburn-McReavy** - December 28, 2020 at 06:36 PM



“ This will be live at 10:30 on Wednesday.

**Janet Meyen** - December 29, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Thank you for providing our opportunity to say Goid Bye to Forrest. A dear, dear man whose memory we will cherish. It was an extreme honor to have known him.

**Kathy Ballard** - December 30, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ Forrest and Harriet were stalwarts in our congregation, good folk to look up to, and to remember. God bless your family as you carry their values and faith forward.

**Shirley** - December 31, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ Thank you to everyone who came, watched, commented, it is a tribute to him and comforting to us. I know our Redeemer lives and my Dad is with Jesus, just as he has always been.

**Heidi Anderson** - January 09 at 01:43 PM



“ A very lovely and meaningful service. Good to have known them for over 50 years. Vern & Nancy Hoium

**Vern Hoium** - January 09 at 04:02 PM



“ Im sorry I couldn't make it to the service; but, I hadn't been feeling the best for what was going on a few days, and figured it was best to not risk passing along any bug I may have gotten to anyone else. Much love, Tim. May Forest rest in peace.

**Timothy** - January 09 at 11:31 PM



“ Tim, don't worry. He loved you and we will get together and honor him together when I am back in the cities sometime. Aunt Heidi

**Heidi Anderson** - January 26 at 10:29 AM

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“ Sorry for the loss of Forrest! I knew him and Harriet from when I was in the Girl Scouts in the 1980s. I also went to First Lutheran Church. I went by the name "Tammy" back then. They were both exceptional people! I have thought about them on and off over the years.

**Kristine Campbell** - January 01 at 04:51 PM

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“ Forrest and Harriet’s story of walking from their Labelle condo to the bus stop, to the light rail, to the airport and off to China. Their return was basically the same. They traveled lightly through life. Often Harriet could be heard saying “live simply so others can live”. I treasure memories of both Forrest and Harriet.  
Rest In Peace dear friends.  
Karen Mattison

**karen mattison** - January 01 at 12:43 PM

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“ Keith and I enjoyed watching Forrest and Harriet square dancing when we had the event at church. They were a lovely couple. It was so nice to read about his history. Thank you. Peace to the family. - Carolyn Dehnostel

**Carolyn Dehnostel** - December 29, 2020 at 06:37 PM