



Axel Carl E. Anderson

April 29, 1964 - May 22, 2024

Axel Carl Edward Anderson, age 60, of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and friends on May 22, 2024. He was born in Minneapolis, MN on April 29, 1964 and promptly adopted by Edward and Suzanne Anderson of Edina, MN. He was preceded in death by parents, Edward and Suzanne. Survived by siblings, Scott (Victoria) Anderson, David (Rachelle) Anderson, Karen (James) Lamb; nieces and nephews, Phillip, Erica, Logan, Nathan, Matthew, Nicholas, Cameron (Jessica), and Kylie; uncle, Richard.

Axel Carl enjoyed Boy Scouts and attained the highest rank of Eagle Scout. He was a proud graduate of Edina High School and went on to earn a degree in Secondary Social Studies Education from the University of Minnesota. Over the next five years, he lived in Kyoto, Japan, teaching English, studying Karate, and traveling Asia. Axel Carl became a serious Vipassana meditator spending time at mediation centers and monasteries in India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Burma. When he returned to the United States, he lived in Seattle, WA, working as the manager of a small bookstore. Axel Carl then moved back to Minneapolis and became a committed special education teacher, receiving his master's degree in that field from the University of St. Thomas. He taught special education at several schools within the Twin Cities, most recently at Transitions Plus in Apple Valley, MN. Axel Carl loved solo adventures. In the last two years of his life, he traveled the world visiting six continents. Axel Carl

made friends easily and had many all around the world. It didn't matter if friends were made back in kindergarten, playing pickleball, or on his latest trip to Buenos Aires, he cherished every one of them. We wish to thank Axel's Army, the Methodist Hospital medical team, and the Red Cross for the love, prayers, and support they provided for Axel Carl.

Celebration of Life Service 11:00am Saturday, June 1st with visitation beginning at 10:00am at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Avenue South, Minneapolis. Axel Carl loved hats so be sure to bring one to wear at the service. In lieu of flowers we request individuals to donate to their local blood bank.

To attend the funeral virtually please go to <https://mtolivet.org/livestream/>.

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Memorial Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LP

“ I was one of Mr. Anderson’s students at Lionsgate Academy and he was one of the greatest teachers I have ever had in my life. I will truly miss his humor and laugh. R.I.P. Axel Carl Edward Anderson.

Luke Polacek - June 25, 2025 at 04:24 PM

JK

“ I worked in Carl's classroom when I was first starting out as an educator at Lionsgate Academy. The way he ran his classroom and believed in his students is a main reason why I am becoming a teacher today. I am writing this now because I have finally found my way of becoming a classroom teacher and I want you to know that everyday I work with students you will be in my mind and in my heart. Thank you for everything and I still feel you with me today.

Jonny Knee - December 03, 2024 at 11:45 AM

SN

“ My name Is Spike Novak, I was One of his students at Lionsgate academy, He was, almost like a father to me, one that I never really had, he was a wise man who encouraged others to keep reading and writing, I remember when I first met him, he was super duper kind and welcoming, a lot of the people I became friends with during my journey in Lionsgate, hell when he still worked at Lionsgate I was considering on having him speak for me at graduation, he was my top pick

Axel, If your somehow watching me writing this in the afterlife, I want to thank you for everything, I keep writing because you may have wanted me to, you where what i consider to be a true father figure, you were practically there for me through out my adventure at Lionsgate, physically and spiritually

To that i say Thank you

Spike Novak - September 01, 2024 at 09:09 PM

IA

“ I will miss you Mr. Anderson and I hope you're having fun in heaven with William Shakespeare and I'm gonna miss you so much. I know that when you're in heaven I'm gonna always think about you.

Isabelle Ashley - August 21, 2024 at 12:04 AM

MF

“Axel was a great, great friend, an exceptional traveling partner, fun, funny, deeply caring and intelligent. My kids loved him, calling him, "Uncle Japan". I will miss you tremendously, Ace, you were an exceptional one of a kind. Love you, Little Big



mark ferrera - June 01, 2024 at 12:07 PM

CM

“My son had the chance to be in Axel's class for a short time and what an impression he made on him . Such a kind patient caring man. What a blessing he was to so many students . He will be truly missed . So Sorry to his family for their loss 😭

Carsen and his Mom - June 01, 2024 at 12:52 AM

ES

“Carl always had a smile and a laugh. Good guy who died way too young. My sympathy to all friends and family.

Eileen Studt - May 31, 2024 at 07:36 PM

SS

“ *Stewarts, James, Stimas and Suedebecks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Axel Carl E. Anderson.*



Stewarts, James, Stimas and Suedebecks - May 29, 2024 at 09:06 PM

LV

“ *I went to grade school with Carl. I remember he was gone for quite awhile in an oxygen tent. Yet when he returned to school, he was always happy and greeted you with that big smile! (not common for 3rd graders to go out of their way to do that!) Later in our early forties, we found each other on a dating site!! ;) Didn't know who it was until I met him for coffee. Found out we lived a mile away from each other, dated for several months until realized we wanted to keep a lifelong friendship of the heart.*

We had loads of laughter, deep conversations and genuine care for each other. Carl was dedicated not only to his own spiritual and personal growth but also to making the world a better place.

He gave us all so much! I will take his love of life with me and remember to go out of my way to greet people! Thank you, dear one, for all the gifts.



Lisa Venable - May 29, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ We got to know Axel Carl while he taught our son at Lionsgate Academy in Minnetonka, MN. To say that Mr. Anderson cared about my son’s education and school experience would be a vast understatement.

Mr. Anderson went above and beyond to ensure our son not only understood the content, but he would quite literally jump out of his chair with excitement when William would offer a compelling thought throughout their multi-week journeys through Hamlet or Romeo and Juliet. I have never seen anyone with such passion for teaching, and such sincere joy when their students succeeded.

Learning that he carried that passion through all his experiences prove that Axel Carl’s was a life well lived. I wish he could have done more.

We are deeply saddened at your loss. He had a tremendous impact on our son’s education, and more importantly his sense self worth.

Thank you, Mr. Anderson.

*Justin Ihle
Minneapolis, MN*

Justin Ihle - May 29, 2024 at 12:10 AM

TS

“ Carl worked for us at Historic Fort Snelling in the late 80's. He was a fun, generous, reliable guy. On behalf of all your former Troopies - Salute!

Thomas Shaw - May 28, 2024 at 10:07 PM

AD

“ *Very good memory's together with Carl and Wim.
I'll never forget you Carl
Thanks for the time we spent together in the Netherlands and USA.
Love from Holland
Arjan*



Arjan dijks - May 28, 2024 at 02:10 PM

KS

I remember all three of you coming through Denmark in 2010. What a fun day we had! Carl will be so missed!

Karla Sommers - May 29, 2024 at 10:08 AM

WA

Thank you Karla!! memories...

Wim Altena - June 01, 2024 at 11:22 AM

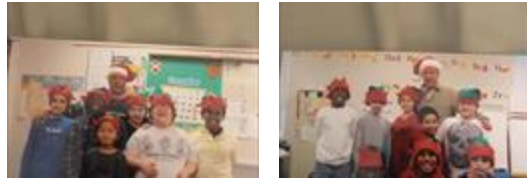
JT

“ *I worked with Carl at Lionsgate. He had two of my favorite qualities; he was thoughtful and kind! Also, he loved his students. Joe Timmons*

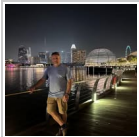
Joe Timmons - May 27, 2024 at 11:16 PM

DJ

“ I always remember Mr.anderson since frost lake as a the best teacher I ever known, he start A band with me & the rest of the class, we also make play called Romeo & Juliet, him & I are Always a fan of Godzilla have always watch it on my birthday back at frost lake, I never forgot the greatest memories & childhood I ever had & I'll always miss him rest in peace Mr.A



Devante Jackman - May 27, 2024 at 07:46 PM



“ Axel Carl & I became friends working a Tomahawk Scout Reservation in our 20s. We have had so many great adventures together over the years. Recently, he came to visit me in Bali. I will miss our deep-thought talks, his "game for anything" attitude, and his booming laugh. I love you, my friend.



Dan Dissell - May 27, 2024 at 06:16 PM

VA

“ *Carl Anderson was my son’s teacher at Lionsgate Academy. Following tradition, each Lionsgate senior gets to ask their favorite teacher to speak for them at graduation. Andrew chose Mr. Anderson, which was not a surprise to me as over the years I had understood that Mr. Anderson was special to him. However, listening to Mr. Anderson speak for my son at graduation revealed why he was so beloved. Mr. Anderson was a man of pure heart, a teacher who created meaningful and deep connections with his students, and who supported and inspired them. He will be deeply missed and never forgotten. - Val Arnold*



Val Arnold - May 26, 2024 at 10:08 AM

RA

“ This is Ramona, I was just crushed to hear the news, My memory of Mr. Anderson was when I had him as my teacher in Success Language Arts class through 8th to 9th grade, and we went to see the new "West Side Story" movie at the AMC theater with the Shakespearean Scholars group, as well as seeing "The Tempest" and "Hamlet" both shown at the Guthrie. His big, fancy, top hats he used to wear, his laughter booming throughout the room, his genuine enthusiasm for the theater, and getting to know more about him when he was present. Carl was a special friend and kind, and gentle, and sweet soul, not a single mean bone in his body. it was certainly a joy to work with him online for the first time when I moved on to higher-level classes. He will be greatly missed by me, my friends and my family. Me and Lily Flolo are just so devastated. And how good and amazing of a teacher he was, RIP Mr. Anderson, enjoy that Shakespeare theatre up in the sky. My heart will always have him.

Ramona Auzenne - May 25, 2024 at 03:21 PM