



Thorwald Holger Anderson, Jr.

January 6, 1936 - April 1, 2023

Thorwald H. Anderson, Jr., 86, of Minnetonka, MN passed away on April 1, 2023. Formerly of Denver, CO and Lubbock, TX, he was born in Kansas City, MO on January 6, 1937. Upon graduating from Lubbock High School in 1954, he attended the University of Mississippi where he received a BA in political science in 1958. He then served over three years of active duty as a junior officer in the Navy. Following his discharge in 1961, he moved to Minnesota. He attended the University of Minnesota and received his juris doctorate degree, with honors, in 1964. After law school he was a Trust Officer for Marquette National Bank before joining Everett, Thiel, and Root as an associate attorney. He was a member of the Minnesota House from 1963 through 1969 and served on the Judiciary Committee during his tenure in the House. In 1969, he left private practice and politics to become an Assistant United States Attorney. During his 26 year career with the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Minnesota, he was the chief attorney in the criminal division and twice served as both U.S. Attorney and First Assistant U.S. Attorney. In 1996, he was appointed as a judge in the Fourth Judicial District where he served on the bench until retiring in 2007. He also taught criminal law at Hamline Law School as an adjunct professor and continuing legal education courses.

Thor was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, an active member of the Ole Miss Alumni Association, and a member of Business Forum in the Twin Cities.

He loved music, especially Italian opera, traveling, reading, and walking. He was always quick with a joke, story, or advice depending on the situation. He was very proud of his service in the Navy, attending Ole Miss, and anything related to Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thorwald and Katherine Anderson; and daughter-in-law, Lynn Anderson. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jennifer S. Anderson; sons, Thor L. Anderson and Christian D. (Masako) Anderson; stepson, Eric A. (Jennifer) Stine; stepdaughter Christa L. Stine; granddaughter Heather (Andrew) Dornberg; step granddaughter, Nicole Harraway; step grandchildren William and Madelyn Stine; and great granddaughter, Marilyn Dornberg.

Funeral service will be held Friday, May 12, 2023 at 2PM with visitation one hour prior at Washburn-McReavy, Edina Chapel, W 50th Street at Highway 100. Private interment to follow at Lakewood Cemetery.

Washburn-McReavy.com

Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Chapel Service

MAY 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MI

“ Judge Anderson was an excellent Judge and even better person. He was always willing to listen and gave great advice. He was happy to see attorneys and ready to try any case. The best times were when he would tell stories or tell a joke. He had a wonderful and clever sense of humor. We were blessed to have him on the bench in Hennepin county and I am thankful for the time I was able to appear in front of him. Michelle Doffing

Michelle - May 10, 2023 at 05:59 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Thorwald Holger Anderson, Jr..



May 10, 2023 at 02:48 PM

MT

“ Judge Thor Anderson's persona was larger than life. He was a brilliant and kind man with an unmatched sense of humor. I treasure the many years I worked with him in the courthouse and our long-lasting friendship after he left the Bench. I will miss him dearly. My condolences, Jennifer and family. Mary Thronrud

Mary Thronrud - April 27, 2023 at 07:51 PM

KS

I agree, Mary. Warm memories of the time we all work together. Trials R Us!

My sympathy to Jennifer and the family.

Karen Stenberg

Karen Stenberg - April 29, 2023 at 01:06 PM

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“*Deepest condolences to you, dear Jennifer, and family. Judge Anderson was a unique person in many ways. I cherish the memories of working with him and all the wonderful talks and lunches we shared. He was a man of honor and great wit and intelligence. Going for one of our spaghetti lunches always gave me an idea of what it would have been like if my own father hadn't passed away so early. They shared a similar sense of humor and outlook. But he was also a great man to work for and with. To him the record was important and a court reporter was a highly-skilled professional. For all this, I thank him, and wish him a wonderful life in the hereafter. Whenever I hear "La Traviata" I will think of him fondly. Claudia Wrzos*

Claudia Wrzos - April 27, 2023 at 02:15 PM

KS

So well written, Claudia. I agree with the sentiments you express.

Karen Stenberg

Karen Stenberg - April 29, 2023 at 01:08 PM

KQ

“ Judge Anderson was a favorite when I was a prosecutor. "Trials are us" was his motto and I have borrowed that in my own time on the bench. I also learned from him NOT to explain my rulings, just to make them and move the case forward. He was an excellent trial judge and many learned a lot from him. Kathryn Quaintance

Kathryn Quaintance - April 26, 2023 at 09:10 PM