



## Victor Anderson

January 27, 2016

Anderson, Victor Age 90, of Shorewood, MN, passed away peacefully on January 27, 2016, with his beloved Marianne at his side. He was born August 31, 1925, in Alnwick, Northumberland, England. He was the youngest of five boys born to Stanley and Nancy Anderson. He graduated from the Duke's Grammar School. At 17, he volunteered for the British Army, fighting during 1944-45 in what the British called the "Forgotten War." He saw combat in Burma and other parts of Southeast Asia in a glider- borne artillery regiment. He received the Burma Star, the 1939-1945 Star and the GEORGIUS VI campaign medal for his World War II service to the Crown. His final two years in the British Army (1946-47) were spent in India before he returned to England where he became a solicitor at the prestigious Newcastle-Upon-Tyne law firm of Wilkinson & Marshall. On August 14, 1954, in London, Victor finally met his soul mate, Marianne Baum, in person, following a remarkable 12 year pen-pal relationship begun in 1942 when he was 17 living in Alnwick and she 11, living a half-a-world away in Tel Aviv, British Palestine. He proposed marriage just three days after first setting eyes on her at London's Liverpool Street Station, Platform No. 14. Victor and Marianne were married June 11, 1955. Victor attended the University of Minnesota Law School, graduating in 1957. He was the sixth lawyer hired by Cargill, Inc. in 1957 and had a distinguished legal career, rising to Assistant General Counsel. He was a nationally recognized expert in transportation law; had expertise in international law, and traveled extensively for the company solving interesting

and intellectually challenging legal problems. He retired in 1987 due to complications from glaucoma. He was a mentor to many Cargill lawyers who learned the legal craft under his guidance, patience and wisdom. His door was always open. Victor was a "Renaissance Man" with a great sense of humor, who loved reading, writing fiction and poetry, films, plays, traveling, photography and all sports, especially soccer, tennis and skiing. He founded the traveling Tonka United Soccer Club in 1978, which has grown to be one of the largest youth soccer clubs in Minnesota. He was an outstanding soccer coach to many boys who affectionately called him "Mr. A" and who followed his "Principles of Tonka United" both on the soccer field and in life. Victor was a gentle, kind hero to many. He loved unconditionally, believed that every problem had a solution and never complained about his blindness due to glaucoma as his world dimmed in his final years. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who will be deeply missed, but never forgotten. Victor is survived by his wife, Marianne, of sixty years; sons, Ron (Jane) and Cliff (Ginny); grandchildren, Ian, Victoria, Eva, and Tatum; nephew, Michael Anderson (Marianne); nieces Collete Anderson Mayne (David), Denyse (Charlie); and grand nephews and nieces Steven, Vicki, Rachel, Ben, Ben and Lucy. Victor was preceded in death by his parents, Stanley and Nancy and his four older brothers, Stanley, Ron, Len, and Bert (Victor's "assistant fathers" as he called them) and nephews Geoff and Peter. Special thanks to all his doctors and the amazing caregivers at NC Little Memorial Hospice. A memorial service celebrating Victor's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at The Marsh, 15000 Minnetonka Boulevard, Minnetonka, MN 55345, a place Victor loved, and where he exercised most days of his 28 year retirement. Reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, tax deductible donations may be made to the "NC Little Memorial Hospice, Inc.," 7019 Lynmar Lane, Edina, MN 55435. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996