



Don Anderson

August 5, 1937 - March 8, 2023

Don Anderson, age 85, of Lennox, SD, passed away, March 8, 2023, at Ava's House hospice, Sioux Falls, SD.

Don Wesley Anderson was born on August 5, 1937 at Granite Falls, MN, the third of six children to Edward and Mabel (Peterson) Anderson. He graduated from high school in Milbank, SD. He had served in the SD Army National Guard. Don learned woodworking at a young age from his father and went on to own and operate his own construction company and custom cabinet shop. He was master craftsman who took great pride in the quality and design of the many homes and cabinets he built.

On June 29, 1979, he was united in marriage to Elaine Skie-Smidt at First English Lutheran Church. This union gave Don, having been a bachelor his entire life, an instant family, with six children and three grandchildren. He loved spending time with his family. Don and Elaine made their home in Lennox.

Don was a member of First English Lutheran Church and had served on the church council. He served on the Lennox Volunteer Fire Department for 25 years and also served on the board of the Lennox Cemetery. His favorite past times were his aquariums filled with fish, model trains, music, reading, his cats and spending time at his second home "the shop". Most of all, Don was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who deeply loved his family.

Besides his parents, Don was preceded in death by two siblings: Larry Anderson and Marlene Danielson.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Elaine; children: Galen (Lenae) Smidt, Harrisburg, Brian (Shellene) Smidt, Lennox, Cindy (Ron) Ludens, Crooks, Debbie (Curt) Bartels, TN, Brenda Crevier, Sioux Falls and Pamela (Rick) Leisinger, Lennox; 22 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter; siblings: Dean Anderson and Lee (Avis) Anderson, both of Roanoke, VA and Carole Musch, Lennox, as well as his loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 14 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation, also at First English Lutheran, with the family present, will be 5 to 7 p.m. Monday. In lieu of flowers, memorials to charity are preferred.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Our sympathy to all the family â ¢i,

Arlo & Vonnie Larson - May 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Elaine, Sorry for your loss. I have been thinking about Don alot lately. I retired from Vandenberg Space Force, Fire Department. My wife and I looking to move back to the mid-west. I thought about Lennox & Don. I learned alot from Don, while working for him. With his craftsmanship working with wood he reminded me alot of my Grandpa Brown. Take care. David Brown

David Brown - April 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ To the family of Don Anderson, So sorry to hear of your loss. We often admired Donâ€™s handiwork when we visited Gerbie and Verna Bartels in the house that he built for them. Thanking God for the promise of Heaven. With sympathy, James and Jan Poppinga

James and Jan Poppinga - March 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Don, my dearest brother, has left me, his soul to have gone to be with Jesus, family and friends. Brother, you'll always be with me in my heart and mind, but until then, I will long for my soul to be with you.



Lee Anderson - March 14, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies, thoughts, and prayers for your loss. May you take comfort and joy for his life well lived.



Matt Ohm - March 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Our deepest sympathy to Elaine and the entire family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love!

Nancy Hopp - March 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Elaine and family,
Our sincere sympathies to you in your loss. Every time we use our beautiful cupboards, we honestly think of Don. Both of you were so kind, and we have shown so many the incredible craftsmanship. We cherish the memory of both of you good folks. May the Lord, who has welcomed Don home, comfort your family. Dan and Trudye Fosness

Dan Fosness - March 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Condolences to Don's family, your families are in our thoughts and prayers



Greg Thomas - March 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ God bless the entire family at this difficult time. Cherish your memories of a wonderful man.

Rick and Joanne Eppard - March 12, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Peace of GOD be with you and your family.Amen

Sandra Heatherly - March 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Don you will be missed. I enjoyed the times we got together when we visited Lennox. Our condolences to the families!



Herman Janssen - March 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family.

Arlo & Vonnie Larson - March 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ So sorry for the loss of Don. May God hold you close, and comfort you through this difficult time.
Mac and Carol McEntee

Mac and Carol McEntee - March 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Don. Our thoughts are with you all.
Hugs!

Tim and Cheri Fodness - March 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *What an unexpected sad news. My heart aches for you during this time of sorrow and grief. My thoughts and prayers during your adjustment at this time. Janell*



Dr Janell Christiansen - March 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Rest in peace sir.*

Brian Robert Lind - March 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers!*



Pam Edwards - March 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM