



## Joe Kenneth Anderson

June 22, 1923 - September 7, 2014

Mr. Joe K. Anderson, age 91, of Gordonsville, TN passed away Sunday, September 7, 2014 at Riverview Regional Medical Center in Carthage, TN. Mr. Joe was born June 22, 1923 in Lancaster, TN, the son of the late Leonard and Maisie Bellar Anderson. He was also preceded in death by his Brother; William "Bill" Anderson and Sister-in-Law, Sarah Fike Anderson. He married Ruth Dindinger on October 8, 1948. Mr. Anderson was a 1940 graduate of Gordonsville High School and later graduated from Tennessee Tech University. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Mr. Anderson was Principal at Gordonsville High School from 1960 until 1976, when he became the Smith County Superintendent of Schools until 1984. He was elected Mayor of Gordonsville for three consecutive terms spanning from 1988 to 2000. He was a member of the Lancaster Baptist Church. Mr. Joe was a charter member of the Southside Lions Club and belonged to several other Civic Organizations including; New Middleton Masonic Lodge #249 F&AM, Smith County Bicentennial Committee, Smith County Chamber of Commerce, Smith County Library Board, Upper Cumberland Development District, and Nashville & Eastern Railroad Board. Mr. Anderson is survived by his Wife: Ruth Anderson of Gordonsville, TN. Nephew; William H. "Bill" (Marcia) Anderson of Reno, NV. Niece; Charlotte (Norman) Karin of Buffalo, NY. Funeral Services for Mr. Anderson are scheduled to be conducted on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 1PM at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes with Bro. Jimmy Gregory officiating. Interment will follow in the

Gordonsville Cemetery. Visitation with the Anderson family will be held at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass Funeral Homes only on Thursday from 10AM until the service time at 1PM. The Anderson Family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Gordonsville Public Library. . BASS FUNERAL HOME, GORDONSVILLE CHAPEL, DIRECTORS.

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Joe Kenneth Anderson*

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**JOHNNY AND NADINE THOMPSON of LEBANON TENN** - October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ *I am so very sorry for your lose. Mr. Anderson was a very dear sweet man. He was my Principal back when I was going to school he will be dearly missed by his family and friends. I will keep you all in my prayers and God Bless.*

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**Ernestine Davis Comstock of South Carthage** - September 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *So sorry about Joe Kenneth. Have known him all my life and loved his mother dearly when I was a little girl. I know he was my sister Sue Young's dear friend also. I will pray for family*

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**Jobie Starnes Corn of Nashville, TN** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *May yall find comfort in knowing he is at peace resting with the Lord. He will be missed. God bless you !*

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**Donna Eastes Wright of Gordonsville** - September 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Bellar Relatives, My father, Frank Russell, spoke frequently and very highly of Joe. I am sorry for your loss and I am sure Joe will be missed by many. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Larry*

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**Larry Russell of Hillsboro, IL** - September 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ good man,paddled hard!!

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**ralph h agee jr. of United States** - September 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Mr. Anderson was our principal at Gordonsville High School throughout the time I was there. He encouraged me to apply for a national engineering scholarship my senior year, and at each level of the competition, he would tell me I had done well but to not expect to advance. When I finally won the scholarship and told him, Mr. Anderson said, "I was certain you would win it from the start, but I didn't want you to get your hopes too high and possibly be disappointed." During the time I was in school, I went from fearing him to respecting him, and I still respect Mr. Anderson and his memory. He gave me part-time work to help me pay expenses, and many years later I saw the excellent recommendation he had written on my behalf to TVA, where I spent my career in engineering and management. Mr. Anderson impacted my life and the lives of lots of other young persons.

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**David Hall of Chattanooga, TN** - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mr Joe was one of the finest man I ever met. He had so much influence on so many kids at GHS including myself. He was a man whom you could pattern your life after. Always fair,honest and had a world of compassion and a helping hand. Over the years I have thought of Mr Joe and what he would do when confronted with a difficult decision. You will always be in my heart because you helped mold me into the person I am today.

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**David Fite of Murfreesboro** - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Praying for the family.*

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**Michael Christian** - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ *Mr. Anderson was a friend to so many young people in the Gordonsville/Smith County area. He was stern when he needed to be, an encourager to all and a man you wanted in "your corner." No doubt, he was a Christian [he lived it] and he loved his Lord. May God bless Mrs. Ruth and the family as they await God's Grand Reunion.*

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**Nancy Winfree Lewis of Dowelltown TN** - September 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM