



Leland Roy Anderson

September 23, 1937 - April 15, 2020

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Our beloved patriarch, Leland “Roy” Anderson, passed away on April 15, 2020 at the age of 82. He lived and loved the teachings of our Savior Jesus Christ. Roy truly served as a disciple of our Redeemer. He enjoyed showing love as a husband, a father, a son, a brother, a neighbor and in every role or calling, while here on earth. Love and charity were the driving force behind all he did. This service of love was felt by anyone whose life was touched by Roy.

Roy was born on September 23, 1937 in Provo, Utah. He was raised by goodly parents Richard Morse Anderson and Vivian Clara Wright. He was the third son to be born and had 7 siblings. His home was filled with loving memories with his siblings and parents. His mother was kind, loving and patient. Roy’s father was a hard worker. He had worked during the depression and knew the importance of providing for their family in any way he could. Yet, he also enjoyed teaching his sons to fish, to sing, and enjoy family life together. His siblings quite often went on double dates, dances, and school activities. Roy loved his family. It is there he learned to love, to work. and to serve.

Roy loved growing up in Provo and had many dear memories and friends. He graduated from Provo High school and started college at BYU where he intended to earn a degree in electrical engineering. Yet, like his Father, he loved to work with his hands in a trade he grew to love as an electrician. He fell madly in love with a beautiful woman named Rita Ann Liddiard. She was an only child of Charles Austin Liddiard and Anna Eliza Johnson, who grew up on 11th West in the Pioneer Ward.

“And it all began because these two fell in love!” Roy and Rita were very young when they started dating in the Summer of 1956. Yet in a little over a year, a wedding was the plan. Roy and Rita were married for time and all eternity on November 6, 1957, in the Salt Lake Temple. Love continued to be the key to this happy couple and the family they would

begin. They bought their first home in Orem, Utah on 8th West where their first 3 children were born. Just North of this home, Dad built a beautiful brick home where the last 4 were born. Soon after, Dad would move his family to American Fork, Utah to be closer to work. Dad made time for his family always. Dad would have family home evenings that were treasured, camping trips where great memories were made, Father blessings prior to starting school were essential, temple trips were frequent to remember where the love all started. Dad loved his wife and his children. A loved quote by Henry B. Eyring is a reminder of Dad- "When you choose whether to make and keep a covenant with God, you choose whether you will leave an inheritance of HOPE to those who might follow your example."

Roy served in bishoprics in Orem, American Fork and then at the MTC in Provo, Utah. Dad was an avid scouter earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He would serve as a leader, Scoutmaster for many a boy who too, would earn the Eagle Scout. His sons and grandsons followed in his footsteps. Roy also earned the Silver Beaver award in Scouting. Dad was a Master Gardener and many would benefit from the vegetables he and Rita grew. With his wife by his side, they served over the special needs' youth, then as temple workers in the St. George temple for one year, followed by a mission call to St. George. Roy and Rita decided to relocate to St. George, so they could be closer to the temple, Roy's family and warmer weather. His children enjoyed spending time in St. George with their parents as love just continued to grow.

"At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought, but what we built; not what we got, but what we shared; not our competence, but our character; and not our success, but our significance. Live a life that matters. Live a life of LOVE." Author unknown

Roy is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rita; their children: Alan Liddiard (Terri), Maren Jeannine (Brett Bennett), Annalee (Bardett Fausett), Diane (Kevin Ciriako), Lisa (J. Reed Findlay), Richard Todd (Debbie), and Sheri Lyn (Jacob Benoist); 27 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren, with 5 more on the way. Roy was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Vivian; his brothers, Richard "Dickie" Wright, Billy Joe, Jeannine Bush and Edith Elaine Anderson. Roy's siblings who are still living: Vivian Theo Anderson Miller, Michiel Morse and Kathleen Dian Anderson Moore.

Due to restrictions currently in place for COVID-19, a small private viewing will be held with wife and family, on May 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Roy's private graveside services will be held at East Lawn Cemetery at noon, that same day in Provo, Utah.

Funeral Services at Graveside

Conducting.....Richard Anderson (son)
 Chorister.....Maren Bennett (daughter)
 Opening Hymn.....#98 "I Need
 Thee Every Hour"
 Invocation.....Sheri Benoist (daughter)
 Memories by Daughter.....Annalee Fausett
 Memories by Daughter.....Diane Ciriako
 Memories by Daughter.....Lisa Findlay
 Music Number (Viola) by Granddaughter.....Tessa Day "Consider the Lilies of
 the Field"
 Life Sketch.....Alan Anderson (son)
 Music Number by Daughters.....Maren, Annalee, Diane, Lisa, Sheri
 "Each Life that Touches Ours for Good"
 Gospel Message.....Michiel Anderson (Roy's brother)
 Closing Song (Everyone).....#190 (Children's Songbook)
 "Love is Spoken Here"
 Dedication of the Grave.....Michiel Anderson

To view the services please go to.....<https://youtu.be/dRUbOa-ItiA>

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Premier Funeral Services - April 29 at 05:41 PM



“ I am so sorry that I had lost touch with this beautiful man, his wife, and family. Alan was involved in my conversion to the Gospel many years ago in Columbus, Ohio. A year later when I went to the MTC to serve a mission, my housing fell through in Provo to prepare to go to the MTC. Leland Roy and Rita opened up their house and allowed me to stay, helped me prepare to go to the temple, and delivered me to the MTC as my substitute family. I will never forget their kindness both before and after my mission while at BYU. Who can forget the wonderful garden and corn on the cob, and of course going with the Anderson Family to experience Lagoon! They showed me what a real family functioned like when living the Gospel. God be with you until we meet again Brother Anderson and prayers for peace and contentment for Sister Anderson and all the family.

Love, John & Barbara Ansted, 431 Langdon Road, Evington, VA. 24501
Sara Ansted, Katharine and Tyler Christensen, Benjamin and Amber Ansted,
Jennifer Ansted
and the grandchildren, Abigail, Charlotte, Theo, and Harrison.

john eric ansted - July 17 at 09:48 PM



“ Loved being in the same ward with them for several years he was always the first one to welcome us each Sunday with a smile and a hand shake. Amazing man amazing family

brenda ashby - May 03 at 10:42 AM



“ I always looked forward when we could come down time with Uncle Roy, Aunt Rita and our cousins. So many wonderful memories of singing, playing and enjoying good food - lots of it from Uncle Roy's garden. He will be missed here but I know that he is being welcomed with joy above. I look forward to singing with him again.

Mike Anderson II - April 26 at 08:09 PM



“ When Cathy and I were young newlyweds in Provo, Uncle Roy and Aunt Rita were so supportive, sharing from their garden and even trusting us to babysit! That was a wonderful time and we were always welcome. Because of our poverty as "starving students", we could not afford to stay at hotels when we came back to Utah County and we were always welcome in the Anderson Home, sometimes dropping in with little notice. When we decided to drive down from Rexburg to run the Deseret News Marathon we were given a room at the Anderson "Hotel" and a delicious, nutritious breakfast to prepare us for the race. Thanks to Roy and Rita and family for love and support through the years.

PS - I also remember Roy and Rita hosting Maryanne and Glenn's wedding reception in their backyard and allowing us to stay with our growing family in their matching reception outfits!

David Bush - April 24 at 10:57 AM



“ 24 Apr 2020

Roy was a wonderful fellow. I got to know him and Rita here in our St. George Ward and sang with them in the Morningside 7th Ward Choir. I learned, after I met him and his brother, Mike, in our St. George Ward, that I had served with their older brother, Bill Anderson, in the Edgemont Stake in Provo. What great people they are. We'll miss Roy greatly. And this is the third member of that family that we've lost in the last few months; first Bill last Fall, then Shirley, Mike's wife last month, and now Roy. Rita, we hope you and your family are doing OK. We love you all.

Don Snow
(Donald R. Snow)

Donald R. Snow - April 23 at 06:34 PM



“ He is a great example for me. I love him very much. It will be hard to have him gone. We have faith that we will see him again.

Reed Findlay - April 22 at 09:33 PM



“ What an amazing man, friend, relative through marriage, citizen, gardener, Saint, and man of the priesthood. I love this man. Always the cordial gentleman, I always felt like a welcome member of his family. I truly saw him as family. He and his dear wife raised an amazing family, and I don't think that was a coincidence. A man who was gentle, loving, affable, and approachable. A giant among men, regardless of how tall he really was. I love him. I will miss him.

Kevin R. Bennett - April 22 at 02:33 PM