



Rev. Gus Elmer Anderson Jr.

February 11, 1955 - May 15, 2021

Rev. Gus Elmer Anderson, Jr, 66, of Boissevain, Virginia, left this earthly home behind on May 15, 2021, from complications of sepsis, while also fighting a twenty-year battle with Multiple Sclerosis. He was a dedicated family man (grandfather, father, husband, son, and brother) as well as a close friend and confidant to many that knew him. He was also a man of many talents, being a pastor and minister, engineer, and even a contractor during his lifetime. In his last years, he was a retired Methodist minister with an insatiable call to the ministry.

Gus was born on February 11, 1955 to the late Gus and Armenia “Rosalee” Anderson in Bluefield, WV. He married the love of his life, Marsha Ann in 1973. They would have three children, a son, Matthew, and later twin girls, Terah and Jennifer. They would also be blessed with five grandchildren. He began the ministry as a youth minister at the Church of God in Bluefield, VA. Through the years, he became an Ordained minister in the Church of God, serving congregations in the following communities and towns: Chase City, Virginia; Pennington Gap, Virginia; Wilderness Creek in Bland County, Virginia, and Tip Top, Virginia. He also served as local pastor for the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church, leading congregations at the Little Walker Charge in Virginia, as well as Christ First in Abbs Valley Virginia. He then found the congregation he would serve for the longest period, ministering at the War-Carretta United Methodist Church Charge in War and Carretta, WV for the WV United Methodist Church. He would serve this

temporary appointment for a brief twenty-two years, until retirement. He continued to serve in this position even after becoming disabled.

In addition to being a pastor, he was employed as a structural engineer, in multiple industries over his career. Before becoming disabled, he was working for ET Boggess Architects in Princeton, WV.

Gus had a lifelong desire to be a cowboy and a farmer. He had a special place in his heart for horses. He realized his dream when he found his thousand pound baby, Zip, a quarter-horse that served as his therapy animal for his disabilities. Zip and Gus had a bond like none other.

Due a sudden illness, Gus moved to Heritage Hall in Tazewell, VA where he resided with his daughter, Terah. After being a resident for over two years, he again felt the ministerial call, and started another ministry in the nursing home, to both the residents and workers.

Gus is preceded in death by his father, and held Heaven's gates open for his mother, as she followed closely behind him in death on the very next morning. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his loving wife of thirty-seven years, Marsha Ann Anderson.

He is survived by: Children: Matthew Anderson of Boissevain, VA, Terah Anderson of Tazewell, VA, and Jennifer Marrs and her husband, Brian of South Charleston, WV. Siblings: Cathy Kinder of Bluefield, WV; Bruce Anderson and his wife, Pamela of Bluefield, WV; James Anderson of Bluefield, WV; Margaret Waddell and her husband, Robert of Griffin, GA. Grandchildren: Jenna Marrs, Lauren Marrs, Jonathan Burton, Rebecca Burton, and Brittany Burton.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Wednesday morning, May 19, 2021 at 11:00 am. A dual homecoming service will follow at noon at the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev Tony Ellis officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Memorial Gardens in Bluefield, VA where family members will serve as pallbearers.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com. Mercer Funeral Home &

Crematory is serving the family of Rev. Gus E. Anderson, Jr.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel
1231 West Cumberland Road
Bluefield, WV 24701

Funeral Service

MAY 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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1231 West Cumberland Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Gus Elmer Anderson Jr.*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Matt, sorry to hear this today and my deepest condolences to you and family members. May God's Word bring comfort when needed.*



John O. Lowe - May 20, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *I treasure the time we had Gus as our pastor at Wilderness Creek Church of God 1991-92. Matthew, Jennifer, and Terah, our prayers are with you. You had a wonderful Mom and Dad!*

Cox Family: Jack, Elaine, Miranda and Brian

Douglas Cox - May 18, 2021 at 08:13 PM



“ *Gus and Marsha are two of less than a handful of lifetime friends that I ever had. I joined the navy right out of high school and over the years no matter how long time had passed. When we got together it was like just yesterday since we last seen each other. All I can say is my heart is broken at the loss of my friend. The highest compliment I can pass on is "Fair winds & following Seas" May the peace of Jesus be with their children. I love you all. Jim*

Jim McGuire - May 18, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Gus Elmer Anderson Jr..*



May 18, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *A wonderful man and friend - who was loved and will be truly be missed by all...*

- Colosi Family -

TONY COLOSI - May 18, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ *love, your Mountain Trail Stables family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rev. Gus Elmer Anderson Jr..*



love, your Mountain Trail Stables family - May 18, 2021 at 08:55 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*
Dora Shrader

Dora L Shrader - May 18, 2021 at 08:30 AM

JS

“ Sending warm thoughts and prayers to you all. Mr. Gus will truly be missed!

James Smith - May 18, 2021 at 07:39 AM

JF

“ Jennifer, Brian, Jenna, Lauren and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Rev. Gus Elmer Anderson Jr..



Jennifer, Brian, Jenna, Lauren and Family - May 18, 2021 at 07:07 AM

SS

“ I have known the Anderson Marrs family for several years and would like to offer prayers for for the family in this difficult time. Rev. Anderson both my parents are probably there to welcome you into the pearly gates. The family of Rev. and Mrs T.L. Sizemore (Stephanie, Thelma Keene, Anita Bentley and Thomas E. Sizemore).

Stephanie A. Sizemore - May 17, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Gus Elmer Anderson Jr..



May 17, 2021 at 07:43 PM

AW

“ Oh my were to start, Gus was a true kind man and would do anything to help those around him. He loved his family so much and he shared his true passion with his children and wife. I've known Gus for a long time. My thoughts and prayers go out to his children and I pray God helps soothe their broken hearts.

Angela Wright - May 17, 2021 at 07:39 PM

DB

“ Gus was one of the kindest men I know. His dad and I were first cousins. I am so saddened to hear about his passing as well as his sweet, beautiful, precious mother. My thoughts and prayers are with this family for God's comfort.

Debbie Roten Beckner - May 17, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Gus Elmer Anderson Jr..



May 17, 2021 at 06:58 PM

AJ

“ Junior & my brother, Vince, had a passion for horses, highly intelligent and both were quiet & serious so it would shock me when they cracked a joke. Well Gabriel, you have your hands full.

Allison Lynn Wilkes Johnson - May 17, 2021 at 05:55 PM