



## Richard Anderson

August 5, 1945 - August 31, 2009

Funeral services for Richard Donald Anderson of Bertha were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 5, 2009, at the New Life Church of God with Reverend Mark Brown presiding. Dick passed away at the age of 64 years at his home, with his family by his side, on Monday, August 31, 2009. Dick was born on August 5, 1945 at Litchfield to Donald Alonzo and Bernice LaVerne (Clement) Anderson. He graduated from Bertha-Hewitt High School in 1963. He entered service to his country in the US Army in September of 1965 and was honorably discharged in July of 1967. He loved his country and was proud of his service. Dick was united in marriage with Rita Ellen Abrahamson on April 6, 1968 at Wadena. Over the years he has worked in bridge construction, as a carpenter and in maintenance for the city of Bertha from which he retired in 2005. He served his community as a member of the Bertha Fire Department and Ambulance Squad, Bertha American Legion, Wadena VFW, and as a Bertha-Hewitt Marching Band assistant for 16 years. He loved being outdoors hunting and fishing and was a member of the Bertha Area Sportsman's Club. He enjoyed putting in his workshop, collecting "stuff" and looked forward to eating out, especially if he could get a good prime rib. Above all, he loved the time he spent helping and visiting with his family and special friends. Dick was preceded in death by his father Donald and beloved aunt Dietta Mattson. He is survived by Rita, his loving wife of over 41 years; mother Bernice; sons James (Rebecca Price) of Sun Prairie, WI and Erick (Holly) of Verndale; daughters Lisa (Lon) Jasmer of Bertha and Jenny (Paul)

Davis of Duluth; 12 grandchildren; sister Mary (Douglas) King of West Battle Lake and brother-in-law Glenn Berg of Ramsey. Pallbearers were Ronald Ward, Roland Gilbert, Gary Kleen, Bradley Kneisl, Chad Hurtig, Dennis Zimmerman and Ken Nelson. Military Honors were provided by William Larson American Legion Post 366 of Bertha and the Elmer Goche Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3922 of Wadena. Interment was in the MN State Veterans Cemetery located at Little Falls.

# Tribute Wall

EK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I remember you (Rita) talking so fondly of him and your family when we worked together. Our prayers are with you and your family.

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**Erica Keppers** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ To the whole family I send my prayers and condolences. I did not hear about his passing until after the funeral. I was really surprised. It is hard to lose someone you love so much. Jerry and him were good friends. He was one of the people he missed the most after leaving Bertha. If there is anything I can help you with let me know. We have to believe they are both in better place. God bless you and the whole family.

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**Pat Wendorf** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I remember Dick and Rita being involved in the Bertha Marching Band and working very hard helping us with hair and staying "in line".

*He had a great sense of humor and always made me laugh when we had practice and parades. He is in a better place now. May he rest in peace.*

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**Michelle Erickson - Johnson** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Rita - my sincere sympathy to you and your family in the loss of Dick. My brother, Steve, keeps me up-to-date on the happenings in the Bertha-Hewitt area so I was sad to receive his email about Dick. I will keep you in my prayers and hope that precious memories will help ease your pain and know that he is no longer suffering.

*Rhonda*

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**Rhonda (Peterson) Heggerston** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ You always made me smile, Dick. You will be missed.

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**Sheila McIntire Mork** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Rita and family;

*I'm so sorry for all of you--it's so hard losing a husband and father. You have many fond memories which you will cling to so laugh alot and cry alot. Dick certainly left this world feeling loved by all of you.  
PEACE*

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**Bonnie Schlecht** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Hi Rita and family. We are so sorry to hear of the death of your loving hubby, Dick. We didn't have the privilege of meeting him, but we're sure somewhere in life, we were sure to have met him. Our thoughts are for sure with you during this tough, tough time for you and your families. May God continue to sustain you and give you strength, peace in your heart and lots of faith for the future.  
*Larry and Diane Hahn*

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**Larry & Diane Hahn** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I want to wish the Anderson family my sincere condolences to get through this difficult time and please know that you are in my prayers.

*Staci Murphy (Bistodeau)*

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**Staci Murphy (Bistodeau)** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Rita and family.. We are so sorry to hear about Dick's passing. I want to give you our love and sympathy - and regret that we will be in Mpls on Friday and Saturday of this week end. I will try and catch up with you after things settle down for you, Rita.. Our families go back many years. You will be in our thought and prayers these trying days for all of you.  
Love to all.  
Dorothy

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**Dorothy & George McAllister** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Rita and kids, we are so sorry about Dick's passing. We know exactly how you feel right now, it is so sad to lose your spouse. Dick was such a funny character, he always made us laugh. He will be with Jesus now, no more pain or suffering. He was a great Icon of Bertha Minnesota.  
God's Blessing to you all.

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**Sandy & Ray South** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We are sorry we never met Dick but someone who can raise a son as wonderful as James must have been pretty incredible.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Brian and LeAnn Haroldson** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Stacey Rehm** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Our sincere sympathy is extended to your family. Richard will be sincerely missed by the entire community - his wit and humor will live on. Richard will be remembered for his ever ready smile and for always taking time bring a smile to a friend. God Bless you Rita, and your children and grandchildren. May our loving Lord surround you with his peace and comfort. You will remain in our thoughts & prayers. Dennis & Susan*

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**Dennis & Susan Thiel** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to the family.*

*I remember when Mike had the body shop and Dick would come in for his short, sometimes long breaks and if there was no homemade cookies or bars or if the desserts were running low, by George, I would hear about it! Of course I was happy to bake some more. When we were ready to move to Montana and we sold our Lund boat to Dick & Rita, we knew that we sold it to wonderful people who would greatly enjoy it and take very good care of it. We are grateful that we got to see Dick back in April. We are really going to miss him.*

*Sincerely,  
Mike & Vicky*

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**Mike & Vicky Lindeman** - August 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM