

In Loving Memory



Rollan Theodore Anderson was born on January 1, 1914 at (Dogden) Butte, North Dakota to Theodore and Clara (Bremen) Anderson. He was raised in Balfour and then in Minot after the family moved in 1919. He attended school in Minot and graduated from Minot High School in 1932. As a young adult he was a semi-professional boxer as well as a jockey and trick rider at area fairs and was employed at Jim Stearns Amusement Company. Rollie served as a Master Sergeant in the United States Army from 1940-46 in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during World War II.

Rollie married Florence Moore on September 19, 1944 at Blytheville, Arkansas. Following his discharge, he returned to Minot where he established Capital Vending Company in 1950. He owned and operated that company until his son,

Ron, assumed control of the family business. He retired in 1978.

Rollie was a member of First Lutheran Church, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a life member of the Elks Lodge and Minot Curling Club. He was a former member of the Eagles Aerie and Minot Country Club. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman.

Surviving family includes his wife, Florence Anderson; daughter and son-in-law, Shireen and Terry Hoff; son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Mary Anderson; grandchildren, Lisa, Claire, Trisha, and Sarah; Mike and Nate; sisters, Marcia Erb and Delores Grisamer; brothers, Eugene Swanson and Delwin Swanson; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Rollie was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marguerite and brothers, Stanley, Paul, Roy and Bob.

Lessons From Geese

FACT: As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 75% greater flying range than if the bird flew alone.

LESSON: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier, because we are traveling on the thrust of one and another.

FACT: Whenever a goose falls out of formation it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

LESSON: If we have as much sense as geese, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go and be willing to accept their help as well as give help to others.

FACT: When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position.

LESSON: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership with people; as with geese, we are interdependent on each other.

FACT: The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep their speed.

LESSON: We need to make sure the honking from behind is encouraging and not something else.

FACT: When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own, with another formation, or try to catch up with the flock.

LESSON: If we have as much sense as geese we too will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong.

—From an old Tri-Met News

Rollan "Rollie" Anderson

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

January 1, 1914
Butte, North Dakota

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

October 5, 1999
Minot, North Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

First Lutheran Church
Minot, North Dakota
Friday, October 8, 1999 - 11:00 a.m.

OFFICIANTS

Reverend Lee Yarger
Reverend Jodi Wangsness

MUSIC

Orville Anderson - Vocalist
"How Great Thou Art" & "Old Rugged Cross"
Gary Stenehem - Organist
Congregational Hymns: "Amazing Grace" & "Beautiful Savior"

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Rollie's family and friends.

CASKETBEARERS

Jim Spain
Gordon Johnson

Jim Rakness
Ron Grey

Mark Hildahl
Bob Walstad

INTERMENT

Rosehill Memorial Park
Minot, North Dakota
Flag Presentation Rites by the Minot American Legion Post #26

Those individuals attending the graveside service are kindly asked to drive with the headlights and hazard lights "on." Please stay as close to the vehicle in front of you as safety permits and always drive defensively. When you arrive at the cemetery please double park where space permits and follow the casket to the gravesite in an expeditious manner.

Following the graveside service there will be a time of fellowship and lunch in the church's Parish Center. All family and friends are cordially invited to attend.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your many acts of kindness. Your compassion and friendship will always be remembered and is greatly appreciated.

A THOMAS FAMILY SERVICE
John Thomas - Bradley Thomas - Bryan Thomas - Jeff Brose - David Stimpson
Minot, North Dakota

