



## Donald E. E. Anderson, Sr.

July 30, 1930 - February 22, 2012

Donald E. E. Anderson Sr., 81, of Manchester, passed away Wednesday February 22, 2012 at home. Born in New Britain, son of the late, Ewald and Lillian Ellquist Anderson, he lived in Columbia, CT most of his life, before moving to Manchester in 2010. Don was a graduate of Windham High School, Class of 1948 and the University of Connecticut. He began his career with the Hartford Fire Insurance Group before joining John Hancock and later the Vermont Life Insurance Company until his retirement in 1995. As a thirteen year old boy, he was cited for his heroism during the 1944 Hartford Circus Fire. He used his pocket knife to cut several holes in the circus tent that allowed hundreds of trapped spectators to escape. In addition to being cited by the State of Connecticut where he received a special CT Distinguished Civilian War Service Medal, he was also awarded a scholarship to the University of Connecticut. Don was an avid coin collector numismatist and fisherman. He was a member of Eastern Star Lodge #44, AF&AM and also of the Sphinx Temple Shrine in Newington.

Surviving are two sons, Dean W. Anderson of Cambria, California; and David R. Porter of South Boardman, Michigan. He also leaves his dear friends William Gleckler and his fiancée Donna Aitken of Manchester. Don was predeceased by his son, Donald E. E. Anderson Jr., and his longtime companion Juliet Guimond.

Funeral services are Monday 1 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Monday afternoon from 12 noon until the time of the service at 1 PM. Memorial donations may be made to the Shriner's Childrens Hospital and Burn Unit, 51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

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“ I would like to say Thank You to Mr Anderson and my condolences to his family of Mr. Anderson passing. My father (only 5yrs old at the time) and my Grandmother were attending the Barnum & Bailey circus that day it caught fire and were able to escape it by the slit your father had made in the tent. I'm am sorry this has taken this long to express my families gratitude for Mr Anderson heroic actions that saved my father and his mother. Thank you Mr Anderson and my condolences to your family on your passing.

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**Theresa Swim** - April 10 at 03:56 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

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**Ann-Marie Abraitis Spalding** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ In 1944 Donald Anderson was responsible for saving my life,my mother and brother when he slit a hole in the tent for us to escape the Circus Fire. Through Omar Shrine Club in Manchester, I met Donald and personally thanked him. He definitely made a difference in many lives.  
My sincere condolences..

*Iris Schlank*

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**Iris Schlank** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM